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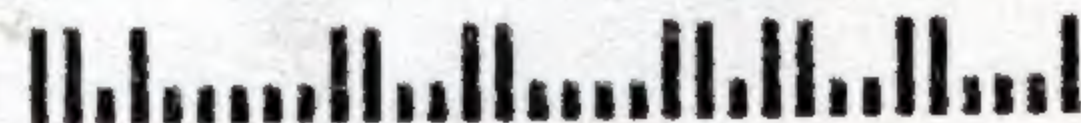
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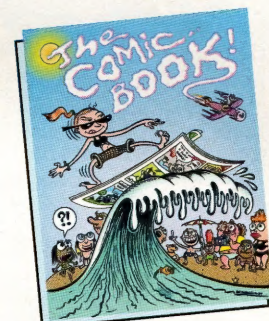


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IS TRUE.

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I'm on top
of the charts.



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3	"WILLETT LOVE ME TOMORROW?" ACCOUNT MANAGER	◆ CAROLE KING
4	"KROLLIN' WITH MY HOMIES" MARKETING DIRECTOR	◆ COOLIO
5	"WALK LIKE A DAN" GENERAL MANAGER	◆ FOUR SEASONS
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15	"KISS ON MY ALYSSA" CIRCULATION ASSOCIATE	◆ HALL AND OATES
16	"NO SLEEP TILL CROOKLYN" PRODUCTION MANAGER	◆ BEASTIE BOYS
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18	"WHAT DUFFY DOES IT MAKE?" EDITOR	◆ THE SMITHS

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Real Letters to the Editors

Dear Nick Mag,
Could you give me a song that
explains what it's like to read
all the letters to the editors?
Peter M., age 8
Salisbury, Maryland

Dear Peter,
(Sing to the tune of "Row,
Row, Row Your Boat")
Read, read, read the mail;
There's always more to do;
Once you think you've read it all,
More mail pours in and you...
(Repeat until paper cuts heal.)

Dear Nick Mag,
Could you please put an article
on Beanie Babies in your
magazine?
Michelle M., age 10
Marietta, GA

Dear Michelle,
Baby, we've *bean* trying.
We're still in the process
of collecting ourselves
after the Tickle
Me Elmo
stampede.

Dear Nick Mag,
What six U.S. presidents
do you like?
Jonathan D., age 9
Redlands, CA

Dear Jonathan,
Our favorite presidents are:
Abraham Lincoln
Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower
Jimmy Carter
John F. Kennedy
Millard Filmore

John Quincy Adams
James Garfield
Okay, so we couldn't agree on only six.

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Four More Years!

This issue marks **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's** fourth anniversary. In the list below, can you find the six true statements about our first issue? Write a "T" or "F" for each statement. **Answers on page 70.**



- 1 — The prize for the first contest was a denim car, the Levi's Gremlin.
- 2 — The issue contained a life-size photo of a man's foot.
- 3 — Because of overcrowding at Nickelodeon, the magazine's first offices were in temporary trailers in Times Square.
- 4 — Pablo Picasso was our first art director.
- 5 — The first issue is in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian's National Design Museum.
- 6 — Our company president's conference room walls are covered with some copper plates used for printing that issue.
- 7 — Tommy Hilfiger was the stylist on the Ren and Stimpy cover photo shoot.
- 8 — It took two years to put that issue together.
- 9 — The issue featured an interview with a doorknob collector.
- 10 — Before our first issue, R.L. Stine edited an early version of the magazine.
- 11 — Zelda beat out this chimp for her job.



He just wasn't their type.



You Gotta See Our Pictures

Just as we were finishing up this All-Entertainment Issue, Rosie and Laura headed off to Los Angeles for Nickelodeon's 10th Annual Kids' Choice Awards. There, they met up with our contributor David Lewman. At the post-show party, Rosie and David got their points across.



Laura and Rosie also visited the Walk of Fame in Hollywood, where they tried unsuccessfully to pass themselves off as famous twins. They also compared hand sizes with famous people at Mann's Chinese Theatre.

Comments From the Peanut Gallery This is our All-Entertainment Issue. It's so entertaining, in fact, that an audience formed at the bottom of our pages. Some audience members piped in with true facts about movies, TV, music, books, and comics. For example:

Real

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Star-Spangled Banter

We asked entertainers to entertain some questions.

Real



Vincent Kartheiser

of *Mastermind*, *Alaska*, and *The Indian in the Cupboard*

Do you like Vinnie or Vincent?
Either is fine. Mostly, my friends call me Vinnie.

Do you prefer *My Cousin Vinny* or Vinnie Barbarino from *Welcome Back, Kotter*?

My Cousin Vinny. Though I used to get called Vinnie Barbarino in school, and then I'd imitate him: "Whuuuhhh?"

If you could have anything in your cupboard, what would it be?

A lot of Thin Mints, the Girl Scout cookies. I just bought five boxes and put them in the freezer. My family got their own boxes, so I put a big name tag on mine to keep them separate.

Do you have any secrets to tell about the cast of *Mastermind*?

Patrick Stewart, who plays the bad guy in the movie [and also Captain Picard on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*] loves *Beavis and Butt-Head*.



Rene Russo

of *Tin Cup* and the upcoming movie *Buddy*

What was your first acting job?

When I pretended to be sick to stay home from school. But I don't recommend it. You have to work even harder when you go back.

How did you like your animal costars in *Buddy*?

It was hard working with animals, but it was worth it. I especially loved it when the chimps sat on my lap. Still, we had to be careful with them, because they can be unpredictable.

Thomas Edison built the first movie "studio." It was a shed that rotated so moviemakers could always have access to direct sunlight.



Cindy Crawford

of MTV's *House of Style*

If there were a sitcom about your life, what would it be called?
Me and My Mole.

What was your favorite book as a kid?

Little House on the Prairie.

Did you want to be any of the characters?
No, because they didn't have electricity.

Did you have a "Tree House of Style" when you were a kid?

No tree house of any kind. If I had, I would have had my Barbie stuff everywhere and a little refrigerator for keeping my favorite snacks.

Kathy Kinney

of *The Drew Carey Show*

Are you as crabby as your character Mimi?

I think I'm pretty much the opposite of Mimi. Though I'm sure I must have some of her in me or I wouldn't be able to play the role.

Do you wear your makeup the way Mimi does?

Only on the weekends. No, in fact, I hardly wear makeup.

Do people recognize you without your makeup?

Shockingly, they do.

Do you have any advice for kids on how to get out of washing their faces?

Yeah. Do what I used to do—pretend to be sick. I'd say, "Ow, my stomach hurts." It always worked for me.



The HOLLYWOOD sign originally said HOLLYWOODLAND.

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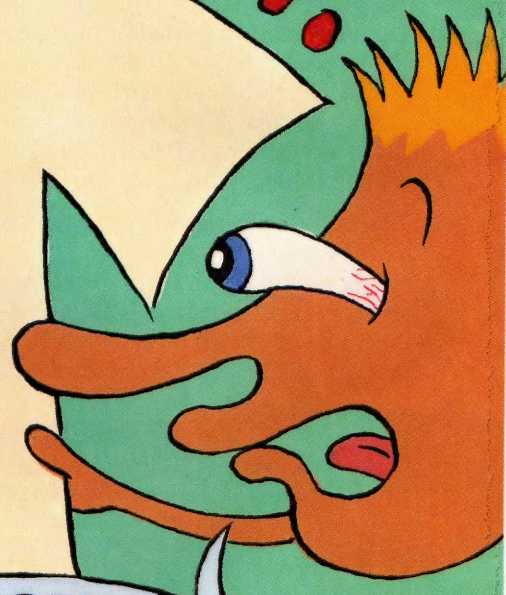
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Star-Spangled Banter



Tara Lipinski

U.S. and World champion figure skater

What will you do this summer to entertain yourself?

I'm going to Disney World for nine days with my friends. Other than that, I just go swimming. And even during the summer I skate every day for four hours.

What celebrities have you met since you won the U.S. and World Championships?

It was cool to meet David Letterman and Rosie O'Donnell [on their shows].

Was it weird being in front of an audience but not skating?

Yeah, but I had sort of expected it to be like that.

Kadeem Hardison

of *The Sixth Man* and *A Different World*



What historical figure would you want to play basketball with?

Malcolm X. He wouldn't even have to play, but I would like to talk to him. He could tell me so much.

Do you prefer a pool or the beach?

Pool, definitely. Because pool water doesn't have other living things in it—other than people, that is.



Were you the class clown?

Yeah, I was. But I wasn't the type of class clown who gets expelled. I was just the class clown who got in a few good lines.

Mike Myers

of *Austin Powers* (in which he plays both a spy and a villain) and *Wayne's World*



Would you like to be a spy in real life?

Yes, as long as I could tell my wife what I was doing. And I wouldn't want to be so undercover that my dog wouldn't recognize me.

Is there a little Dr. Evil inside of you?

No, but there is a cheese omelette inside of me.

What has been your favorite job?

Opening for Barbra Streisand. I brought my mother-in-law. She's the inspiration for my "Coffee Talk" character, who says "It's like buddah." Well, my mother-in-law met Barbra and burst into tears of joy. It was the best.

Who cracks you up?

Dana Carvey as Garth always cracks me up.

What's your favorite movie snack?

I'm a Twizzlers kind of guy.

—interviewed by Cindy Pearlman

Carmen Electra

of MTV's *Singled Out*, *Baywatch* (this fall), and the upcoming movie *Good Burger*

How are you getting ready for your role on *Baywatch*?

I have to take swimming lessons, get a scuba diving certificate, and observe lifeguards in training.

Are you a good swimmer?

I'm a decent swimmer. I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, and I had lots of practice in the summer. There wasn't much else to do.

If you could bury anyone in the sand, who would it be?

John Travolta. I've been in love with him since I saw the movie *Grease* when I was five. I wanted to be Sandy.

What kind of snacks do you like to eat at the movies?

I have to eat sweet stuff, so I get Bon Bons or Raisinets. Then I *have* to get popcorn. I also get either a pretzel with cheese or a hot dog.



The character Ronald McDonald was created in 1963. Willard Scott played him.

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Girl Wond



This summer, **ALICIA SILVERSTONE** suits up as Batgirl in *Batman & Robin*. She will also star in the comedy *Excess Baggage* in August. In 1995, she played Cher in the movie *Clueless*. She didn't bat an eye answering our questions.

Real

Nickelodeon Magazine: We hear you have five dogs. Where did you get them?

Alicia Silverstone: I found Samson in downtown Los Angeles. He had been hit by a car, and he must have run away from his home. I tried to find a home for him, but no one took him, so now he's mine. Samson is a prince and he is a brat. He needs a lot of attention.

And what about your other dogs?

A friend of mine found a dog and 11 puppies in a box outside a pound. They were about to be put to sleep, so she took them all in and found homes for all the puppies. Nobody wanted the mom, so I took her. Her name is Cale, and she howls all night.

Okay, that's two dogs. How did you get five?

I went to a pound in Los Angeles to do a press conference about making sure that people spay and neuter their

pets. I came home with nine dogs. I found homes for most of them, but I kept three. They are Scottie, Jeffrey, and Lacey, who is especially adorable. It's great to have so many dogs, because they all have their own personalities.

How can kids make the world a better place for animals?

I think people have to make the world a better place for themselves. There's such a wonderful thing about being kind, and kind people are so few and far between. As for animals, if people want a dog or a cat, go to the pound. Make it a point not to go to a pet store. And in school, they can help animals by making other people aware that there are alternatives to dissection, like computer programs.

What would Cher of *Clueless* think of Batgirl's costume?

She would think it was pretty cool, but she would probably have a problem with it not being as girly as it could be. She would make that costume much more feminine.

She wouldn't get that Batgirl is supposed to be an action hero. She'd say, "So what? You can still look good." She'd want Batgirl to accessorize.



That's Alicia as Cher on the stairs (above) and with Stacey Dash from *Clueless* (at right).



Count Dracula is the most-played horror character; he's appeared in more than 100 films since 1922.

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BATTER UP! Alicia with George Clooney and Chris O'Donnell (left); on Batgirl's motorcycle (center); George Clooney as Batman (right).



What did you think of your Batgirl costume?

I played an action hero, just like Batman. And to me, the costume wasn't a fashion costume—it was armor. It wasn't very comfortable.

Was there anything that your mom made you wear when you were little that was worse than being in Batgirl's costume?

My mom tortured me with clothes. She put me in the itchiest wool undershirts. And I remember I had these itchy, gnarly, brown wool sweaters and jeans that had big patch pockets in the front. The jeans might sound cool now, but at the time, they weren't. And I had these dresses with tights, and I would get tree bark all stuck in the tights. I didn't dress myself until I was 11. It was a battle.

Did you do your own stunts in *Batman & Robin*?

Well, obviously we actors can't do very much, like we can't fly. But we did do the scenes up to the part that a stunt person was called in. You still hurt yourself, you still get bruises, and you still get stressed out about doing the stunt, but you're not doing anything that's risking your life.

Was Batgirl's motorcycle fun?

We rarely used it when we were shooting, but it was fun. They would [attach the motorcycles to a contraption] and pull us around to film us. I was always telling them to go faster, but they never did.

Do you have a favorite movie?

I loved *The Sound of Music*. And now I don't really have a favorite. My mind is opening up to a million different movies; I love *Planet of the Apes*.

My mouth is open to a million different snacks.



What music do you listen to in the car?

I like the Dave Matthews Band—that's the one that I've been listening to, because a friend gave it to me. I love David Gray, and I used to be a big fan of Sinead O'Connor. I also like the Rolling Stones, the Beatles, and the Police.

When was the last time you had a vacation?

Four or five years ago. I was with my friends Brian and Jonah, and we went to Lake Tahoe [Nevada] for about a week. It was the most fun I ever had in my life. I hope to take another trip very, very soon.



India makes about 800 movies a year, more than any other country.

The Sweet Valley High books have been translated into 22 languages, including Russian, Turkish, Indonesian, and Swedish.

More about *Batman & Robin* on page 15.



MOUTH GAME



m&m's MOUTHFUL OF MINIS GAME

Think putting an "M&M's" MINI in this mouth is as easy as putting one in yours? Then give it a try, chocolate breath. First, pick out an "M&M's" MINI, and place it behind the yellow dotted line. Then, lightly flick it into the mouth. If it stops inside the mouth, you get to eat 20 MINIS. You've hit the chocolate jackpot! If it stops on any part of the tongue, you get to eat the amount of MINIS specified. And if it doesn't land on anything, put it back behind the line, and let the next player go. What!? It went up the nose? Yuck. Don't eat it. Put it in a pile, and save it for your little brother. Continue until all the MINIS are eaten.

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TONS OF CHOCOLATE CANDY SEARCHING FOR A MOUTH



We've Got Them Covered!

Real

Compare the first comic-book appearances of Mr. Freeze, Batgirl, and Poison Ivy to their counterparts in this summer's *Batman & Robin*.



Mr. Freeze

Mr. Freeze was called Mr. Zero when he first appeared in *Batman* #121 in February 1959 (left). In 1966, his name changed to Mr. Freeze, long before Arnold Schwarzenegger put on his cool suit and chilled out in *Batman & Robin* (right).



Batgirl

The first Bat-Girl's secret identity was Betty Kane, and she debuted in April 1961 in *Batman* #139 (left). Betty used gadgets such as a "crime compact" and "smoke-screen hair spray." In 1967, Bat-Girl was changed to Batgirl, and this new character's secret identity was Barbara Gordon. Batgirl used judo and karate to battle bad guys and wore a black costume similar to what Alicia Silverstone (now Barbara Wilson) wears as Batgirl (right).

My secret identity is not Barbara Van Gutter.



Poison Ivy

Poison Ivy first appeared in *Batman* #181 in June 1966 (left), in which she stole an Egyptian urn filled with herbs that made her immune to all poisons. But it wasn't until the movie *Batman & Robin* that Poison Ivy, played by Uma Thurman (right), got such interesting hair.



Kryptonite, which could make Superman lose consciousness for long periods, was introduced in the 1940s on the *Superman* radio show so the actor who played Superman could take a vacation.

In his 100th issue, *Spider-Man* grew four extra arms.



GROOMED for STARDOM

If you can check more than three items on these lists, your pet may secretly be a celebrity—or at least gets star treatment.



Your dog or cat...

- * has its meals specially prepared.
- * has a fur coat.
- * has a chauffeur.
- * gets a big reaction when entering a room.
- * travels with an escort.
- * has its picture taken a lot.
- * enjoys grooming.
- * gets extensive beauty sleep every day.
- * has someone to open doors for it.
- * prefers to do its own stunts.
- * is said to have good breeding.
- * can act—and is especially good at portraying hunger.
- * is often surrounded by admiring fans.
- * doesn't sit for just anyone.
- * can claw its way to the top.
- * has someone to clean up after it.

Your fish...

- * has its own castle or treasure chest.
- * has no privacy.
- * has a swimming pool.
- * feels like a fish out of water with regular people.
- * is said to be a little slimy.

Your gerbil, hamster, or other rodent...

- * often works out on the treadmill.
- * gets called a rat by critics.
- * eats a lot of salad.
- * sleeps in a cedar bedroom.
- * drinks only bottled water.
- * stays up all night running around.



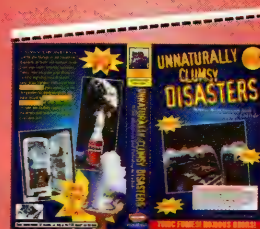
I'm ready for my claws-up.

Crusader Rabbit was the first cartoon made for TV.

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In this fascinating video, you will witness spectacular footage of real household disasters, as terror and mayhem strike room after room. Indelible grape juice stains on carpets, exploding cans of shaken soda, mass footwear destruction from **Hurricane Jed**, giant icebergs in the refrigerator...all these accidents and more, including **The Johnson House Mosquito Panic** of 1993, after Daphne Johnson accidentally ripped a hole in the screen door with her brand-new Lisa Frank pen, and three mosquitoes got in!



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ABOUT
TO
BLOW!!!



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As seen on top of
and around your

TV



"It just doesn't
get any sloppier
than this!"
—Home Disaster Chaser
Albie Messier

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When Klutziness and Catastrophe Collide



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SPILLS!



CHILLS!

The Deegan Whirlwind Disaster

This is the actual site moments before disaster struck on the fateful, windy day that Pops Deegan forgot to close the window. Magazines, books, and assorted knick-knacks were actually lifted up and carried MORE THAN THREE FEET IN THE AIR—and it was all captured on videotape by an amateur home disaster chaser!

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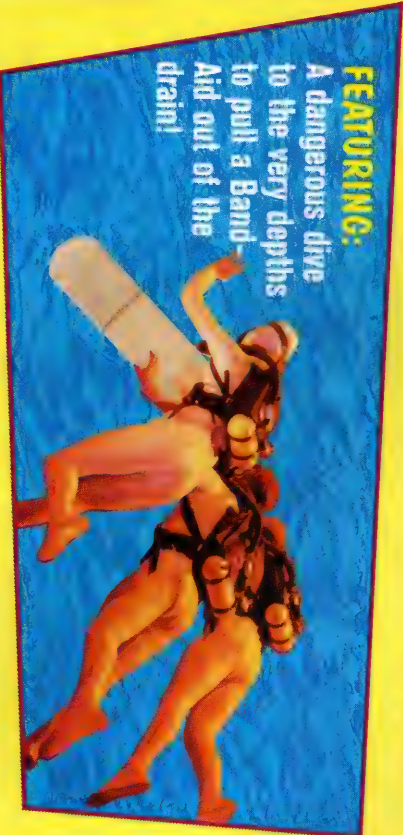
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- Your heart will **RACE** as you witness bellyflop after bellyflop off the high-diving board!
- You'll **WEEP** when Johnny suffers the horror of Blue Lips!
- You won't believe your **RED EYES** when the entire Tanner clan dives in at once, and the water rises an amazing two feet! →



FEATURING:
A dangerous dive to the very depths to pull a Band Aid out of the drain!

WARNING: Do not rent this video within one hour of eating. Nose plugs recommended. Excessive viewing of this videotape may cause swimmer's ear. No running while watching this tape.

A
MOCKED-UP
DOCUMENTARY

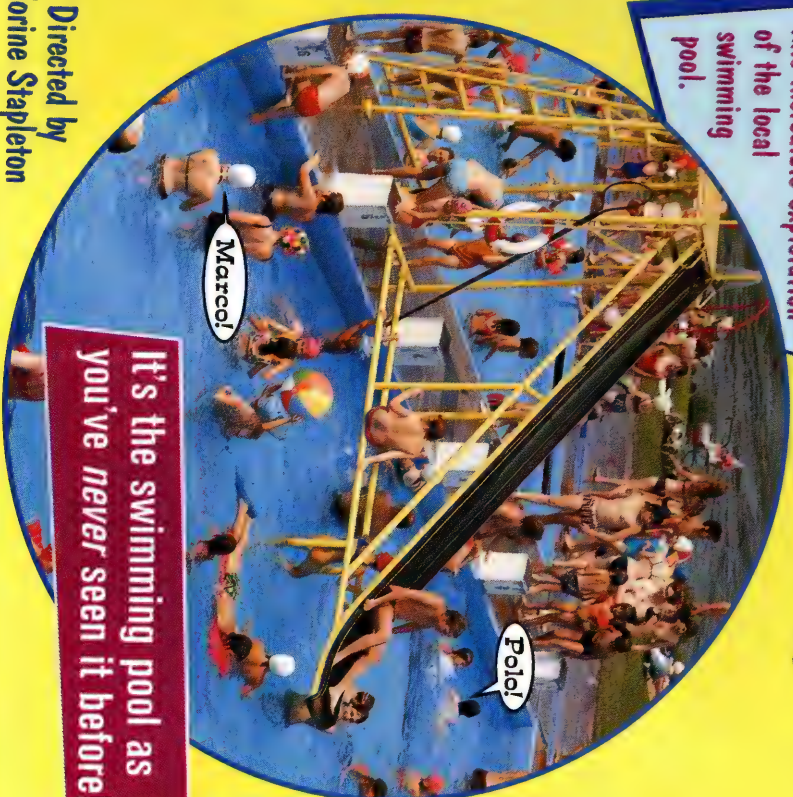
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Let My F.R.I.E.N.D.S. VOWELS

Being on TV isn't just about signing autographs and sitting by your pool. There's work to be done! Use this chart to find out what you'd have to deal with if you were on a sitcom, a soap opera, or a game show.



It'd like to buy a brownie.

SITCOM

Soap Opera

GAME SHOW

YOU'RE ON:	Once a week; and the cover of many entertainment magazines.	Five times a week.	A raised platform in front of a live studio audience.
YOU WEAR:	Dockers or baby T-shirts.	Gowns, tuxedos, or surgical scrubs.	A name tag and a dopey grin.
OFTEN HEARD:	"I'm having a bad hair day!"	"There's something you should know, Lenore."	"The actual retail price is...."
SOUND EFFECTS:	Laugh track.	Slow jamz; beeping heart monitors.	The buzzer, the bell, or the whistle.
HANGOUTS:	The living room; the coffee bar.	Kensington Manor; the Intensive Care Unit.	Near pyramids; wheels; curtains 1, 2, or 3; and the soundproof booth.
YOU HANG OUT WITH:	Your wacky neighbors.	Guys named Ridge, Dirk, and Trevor.	The other contestants.
WHAT MAKES YOU EXCITED:	A special guest star.	Your long lost twin.	The bonus round.
WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU GET EXCITED:	Trip over furniture.	Seethe, then seek revenge.	Hug the host.
WHAT YOU'RE UP AGAINST:	Your loony coworkers.	Your estranged children and your secret past.	Your competitor, Phil D. from Keene, New Hampshire.
YOU WISH YOU HAD:	The keys to the storeroom you're trapped inside with your ex.	A nickel for every time you've died and come back to life.	A free spin.
YOU KNOW YOU'VE REALLY MADE IT WHEN:	Everyone copies your hairstyle.	You win a Daytime Emmy.	You get to come back tomorrow.
YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN TROUBLE WHEN:	You move to a "special new time."	You get a terminal illness.	The host refers to your status as "not totally out of the running."
YOU DRIVE:	Your roommates crazy.	Your enemy over a cliff.	A brand new car!

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THEY STOP?

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WHEN YOU GET GOING, YOU WANNA KEEP GOING, SO GRAB A GATORADE.

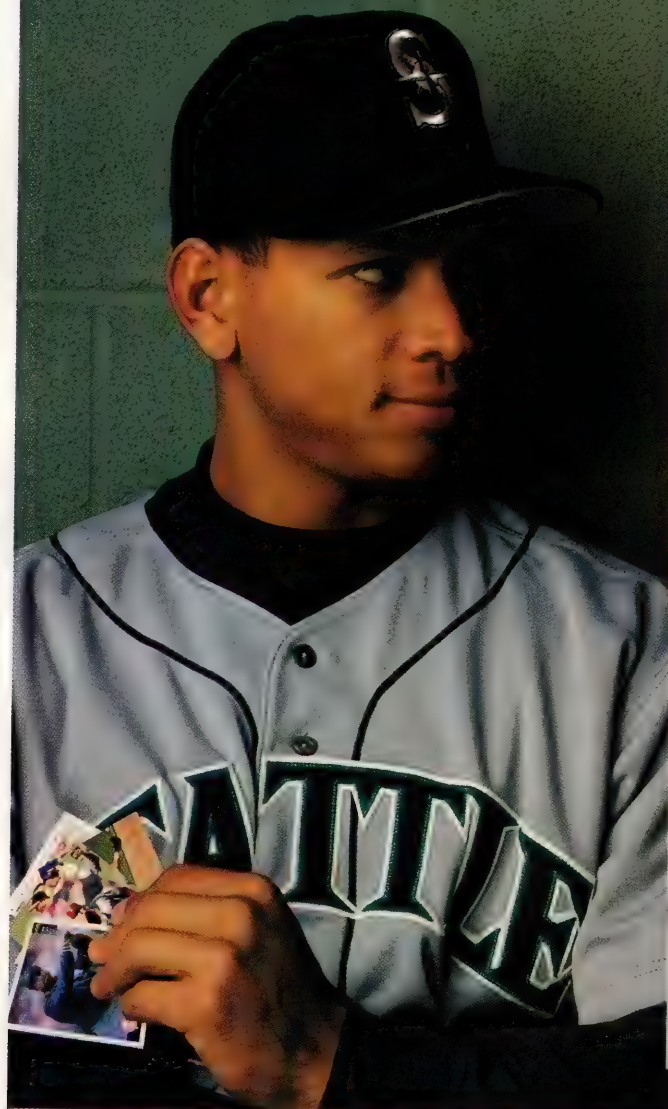
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POP CULTURE

The Carny Truth

Every year, Americans eat more than one billion pounds of popcorn—the unofficial snack food of movie theaters. Although Native Americans have been making popcorn for thousands of years, it really caught on in the 1890s, when popcorn-popping vending carts were first manufactured and popcorn was sold on street corners and at baseball games. And when the first movie theaters opened at the turn of the century, people bought popcorn from the street vendors out front and carried it in with them.

At first, theater owners didn't want popcorn brought inside, because the dropped kernels and discarded paper bags made a mess. By the 1920s, however, the owners had warmed up to popcorn, especially when they realized that they could make more money selling popcorn themselves than they could selling tickets. Plus, salty popcorn makes for thirsty people, who spend even more money for cold drinks—also conveniently available at the concession stand.

This is a puff piece!



Real



The Kernel's Secrets

The inside of each popcorn kernel holds starch and a little bit of water. When the kernels are heated, that water turns to steam, creating pressure. The pressure forces the kernel to open and turn inside out. The white fluff is the expanded starch.

The oldest popcorn found in the U.S. was discovered at Bat Cave in New Mexico. It is estimated to be more than 5,600 years old.

Colonists in 17th-century Massachusetts ate popcorn with sugar and cream for breakfast—the first puffed cereal.

Native Americans made jewelry with popcorn.

It's Nacho Business!

We asked people who have represented other worthy snacks how they feel about popcorn's star billing at the concession stand.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Are you jealous of the special relationship between popcorn and the movies?

Jane Schultz, former spokesperson, **Snack Food Association:** No. Popcorn opens opportunities for other salty snacks. Nachos have already made an appearance at some theaters.

Do you think more salty snacks will eventually be available?

Yes, especially as people become accustomed to eating them when they're watching movies at home.

What do you eat when you go to the movies?

Popcorn is the obvious choice, with a drink.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Are you jealous of the special relationship between popcorn and the movies?

Kim Cutchins, consultant to the **National Peanut Council:** No, because peanuts have a similar relationship with baseball. But I would like to suggest movie theaters expand their fare to include more nutritious items like peanuts.

Does it make you sad that peanuts aren't available in theaters?

There should be more choices at movie theaters. Anyway, Goobers contain peanuts.

What do you eat when you go to the movies?

I usually bring a peanut snack mix with me.



BASEMAN

In *The Gold Rush*, silent movie actor Charlie Chaplin eats a pair of boots. The boots were made of licorice.



TV Search Party

Below is a list of some common and not-so-common sights and sounds on TV. Taking turns with friends, time yourself to see who can be the fastest to find any 10 with the remote control. You can also play alone, trying to beat your own best time.



☐ A talking dog



☐ A weather report

☐ A commercial for a gas company

☐ A commercial for getting rid of gas

☐ An explosion

☐ A robot

☐ People kissing

☐ A commercial for cereal

☐ Credits

☐ An 800- or 888-number

☐ Someone dancing

☐ "Order now!" or "Low, low price"

☐ Twins

☐ Anything in a foreign language

☐ A commercial for a long-distance phone service

☐ A cartoon anvil falling on someone

☐ A sequel

☐ A rerun

☐ A close-up of jewelry on a rotating display

☐ A car chase

☐ A commercial for a toy

☐ A cartoon character passing the same background more than once

☐ A car commercial where the car is atop a mountain or cliff

☐ "Operators are standing by"

☐ A talk show

☐ A cute animal

☐ An angry animal

☐ Anything in black and white

☐ A commercial for allergy medicine

☐ Someone exercising

☐ A man dressed as a woman

☐ A cat chasing a mouse

☐ Any of the *Star Trek* spin-offs

☐ Someone screaming

☐ Someone singing or lip-synching

☐ Someone throwing or kicking a ball

☐ "Next, on..."

The *Guiding Light* is the longest-running soap opera. It has been on TV since 1952.

The term couch potato was popularized in the early 1980s by a group of friends in Pasadena, California, who watched a lot of TV.

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This is not your average movie theater lobby. Look carefully and you'll see that all of the everyday items listed below make up this miniature scene. How many can you find? We've put stars next to the really tricky items.

- Address book
- Alphabet noodles ★
- Bouillon cubes
- Brass hose nozzle
- Candle
- Cut-off crayons (2)
- Dice (2)
- Digital watch (no band)
- Dimes (2)
- Dollar bill

- Doorbell ★
- Doorknob
- Doorstops (3)
- Gold buttons
- Gold hoop earring
- Green rubber band ★
- Harmonica
- Hubcap
- Jacks
- Jigsaw puzzle pieces
- Jingle bell
- Leather wallet
- Meat thermometer
- Mexican coins

- Nut/lobster scrapers (2)
- Paper clamps (3)
- Paper clip dispenser (with clips)
- Paper fan
- Pencil with metal end ★
- Pennies
- Plastic coin purse
- Plastic pencil sharpener with shavings holder ★



Meet Me at the Mini-Plex

by Joan Steiner

- Playing cards
- Price tag
- Protractor
- Red comb
- Red pencils (2)
- Saltshaker/pepper mill
- Shelf brackets (2)
- Shelled walnut ★
- Silver ballpoint pens (2)

- Silver pencil sharpener
- Starfish
- String of pearls
- Table knives (2)
- Thimble
- Tickets
- Tiny safety pin
- Toothbrush-and-cup holder
- Toothbrushes (2)
- Toy compass
- Watercolor paint box
- Wooden ballpoint pen (with cap)
- Wooden ruler
- Wrench

JELLY
BEANS

no
smoking

Answers on
page 70.

Hollywood, Here I Sit, Stay, Come!

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Featuring ZELDA VAN GUTTERS, Roving Reporter

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE sent your favorite furry reporter (me!) to Hollywood for its Entertainment Issue. So I stocked up on Slobbertone suntan lotion and got the latest scoop on Tinsel Town.

1

I dropped in on Oscar-winning actor Cuba Gooding Jr. and wanted to talk to him about his pet rabbit. He seemed reluctant, though.



No, Zelly. I'd rather not talk to the press about my personal life.

Come on, Cuba! SHOW ME THE BUNNY!

2

I also visited the legendary luminary Lassie after I heard she finally got what she'd always wanted.



Ha! I knew I could make my mark on this town!

All right, Lassie, so maybe now you'll come home?!

3

I've always wondered what the source of water is for Los Angeles and its 4 million citizens, so I asked ABC interviewer Barbara Walters.

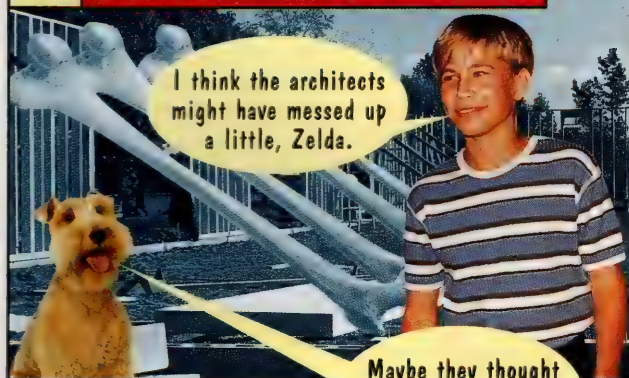


It's simple, Zel. People keep coming on my show and crying, and that's where all the water comes from.

Please...boo-hoo...I can't talk right now. But you really do have your finger on the tissues, I mean, issues.

4

Jonathan Taylor Thomas and I chatted as his new Beverly Hills mansion was being built.



I think the architects might have messed up a little, Zelda.

Maybe they thought you were on *Bone Improvement*.

5

Needing a break, I headed for the beach at Malibu. I ran into the whale from the movie *Free Willy*.



I just thought I'd beach myself for the day right here. Hey, let's do dinner tonight. On me!

Well, okay, if you're free, Willy. I'm absolutely blubber-gasted by your offer.

6

On my last day in L.A., Tom Cruise got the ultimate star treatment: putting his handprints in the sidewalk outside Mann's Chinese Theater.



This is just great! I've dreamed of this my entire life!

And you'll be there your entire life, too, Tom—that concrete dried four hours ago!



After a few days in La-La Land, it's time to get my tiny terrier tail out of Tinsel Town. This brown beast is headed back East!

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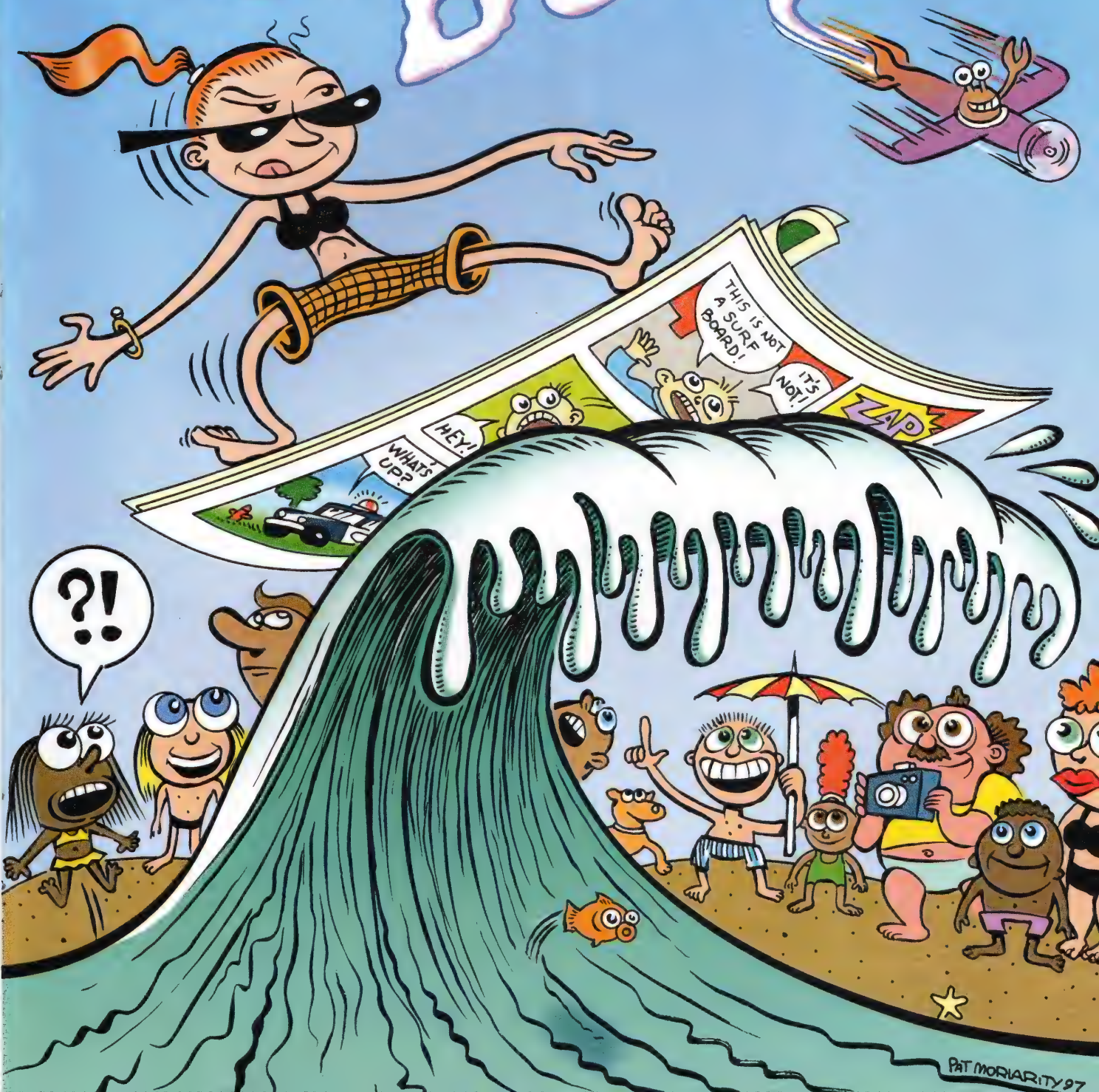
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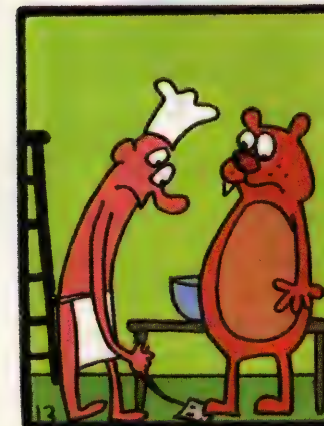
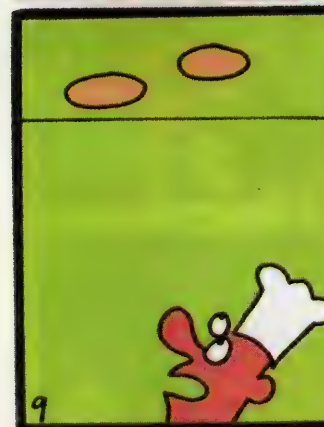
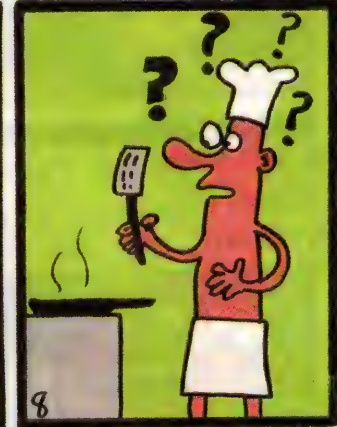
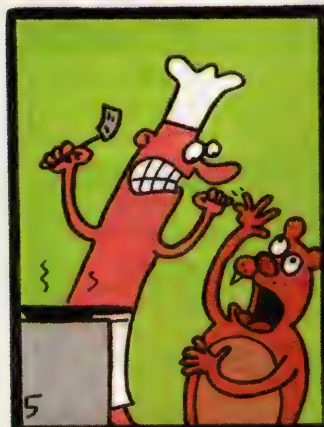


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SCENE BUT NOT HEARD—
—BY SAM HENDERSON



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STUFFING OUT OF ME!

YOU SAID IT...

...ONE OF THEM BIT
THE FRIED BATTER
OFF MY
BUTT!

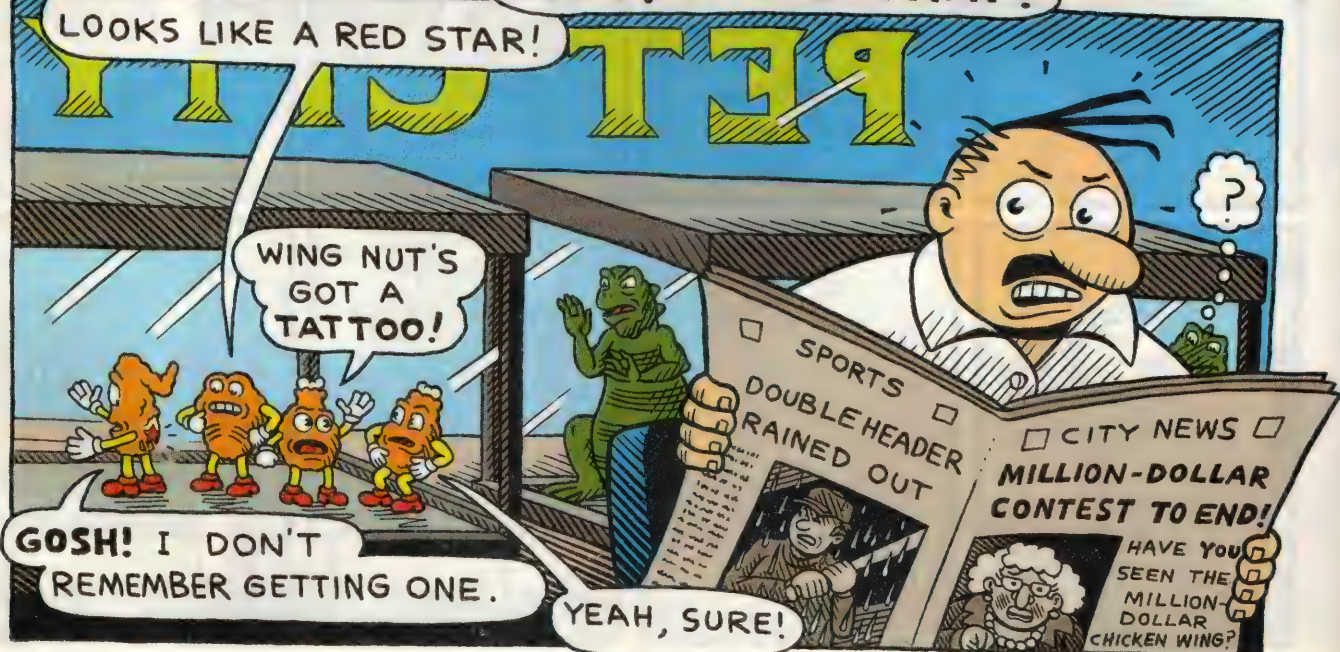
HEY! WHAT'S THAT?

LOOKS LIKE A RED STAR!

WING NUT'S
GOT A
TATTOO!

GOSH! I DON'T
REMEMBER GETTING ONE.

YEAH, SURE!

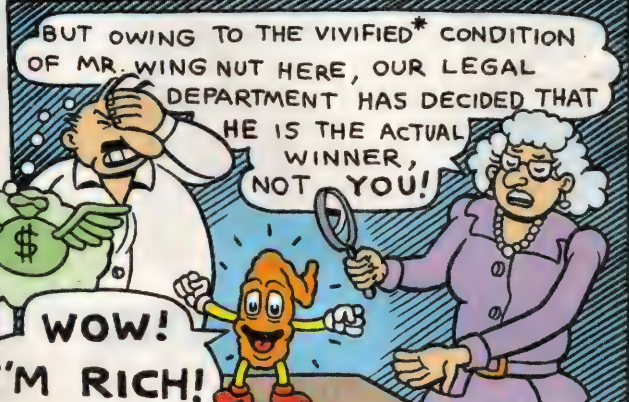




A CHICKEN WING
MARKED WITH A RED STAR? HMMM.

YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY A MILLION
DOLLARS FOR A CHICKEN WING
MARKED WITH A RED STAR?

IF WE IDENTIFY IT AS
THE CORRECT ONE, YES.



WOW!
I'M RICH!

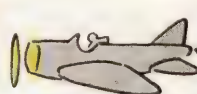
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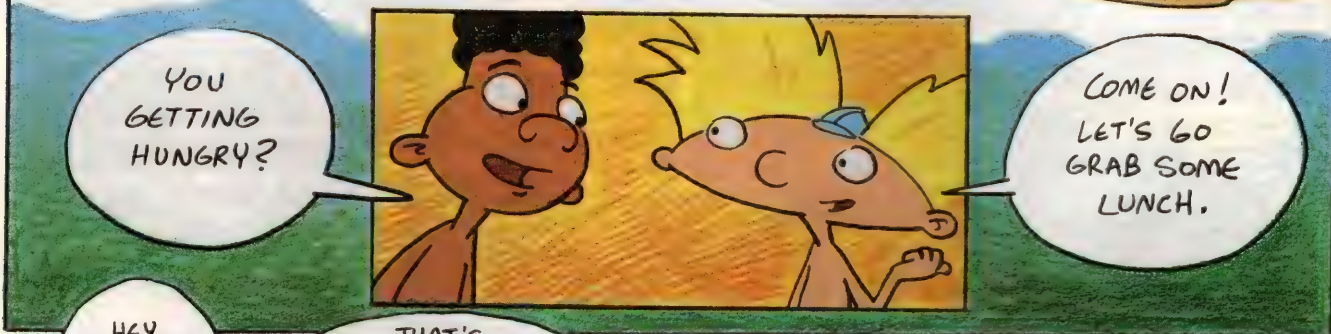
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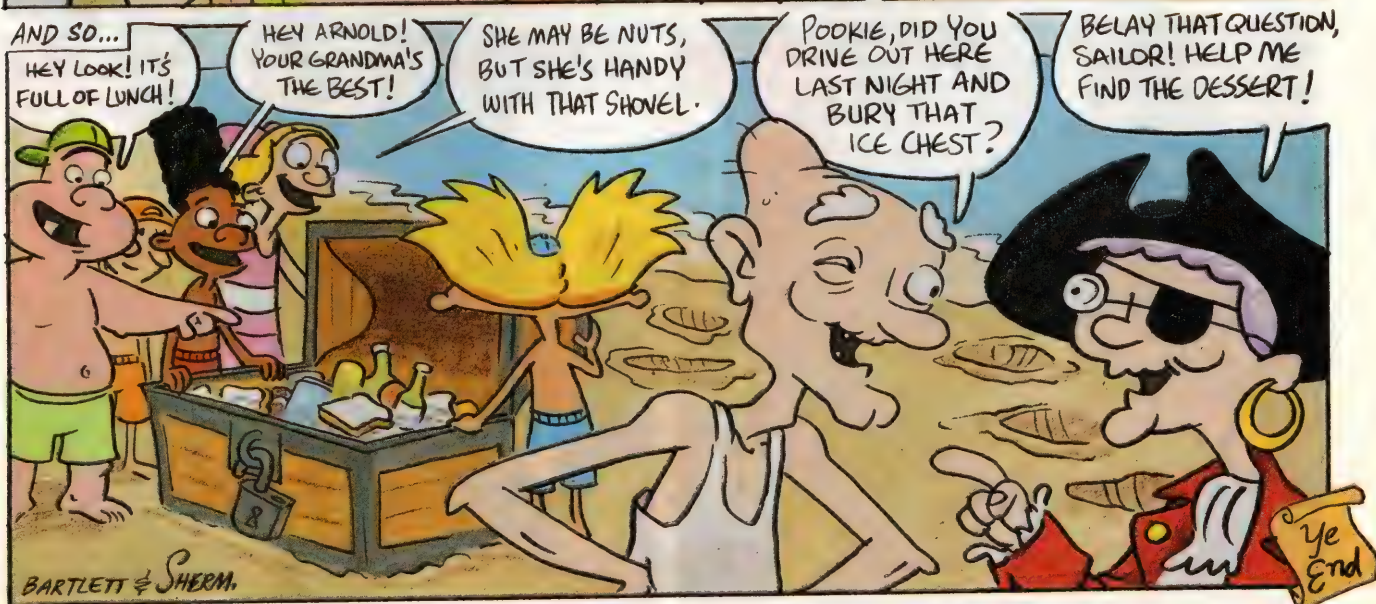
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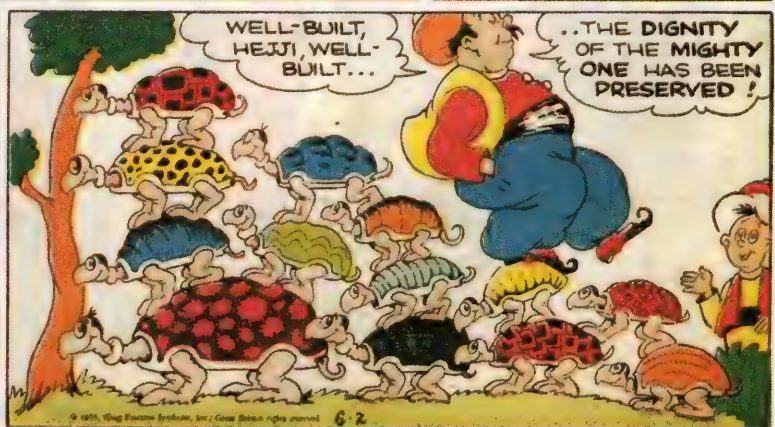
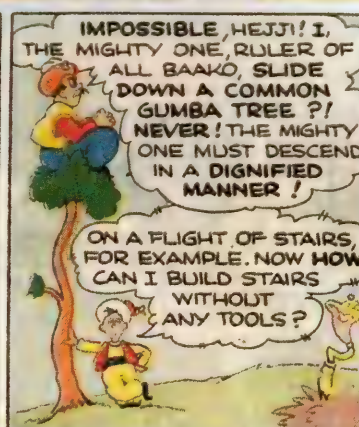
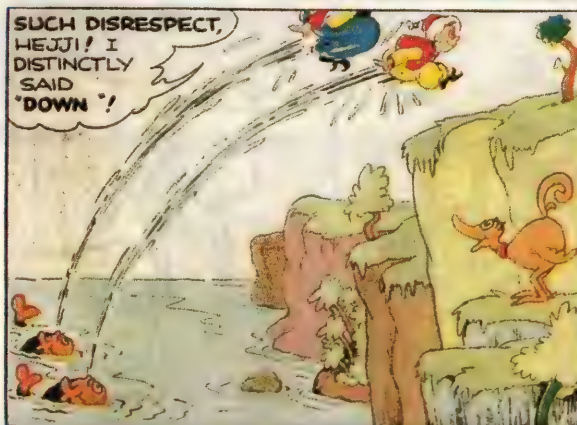
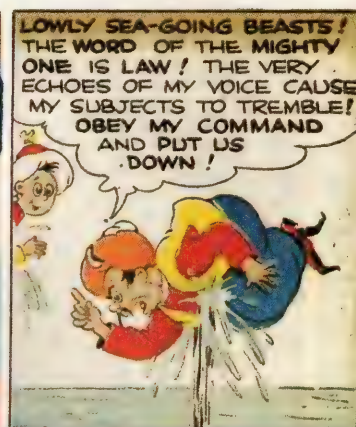
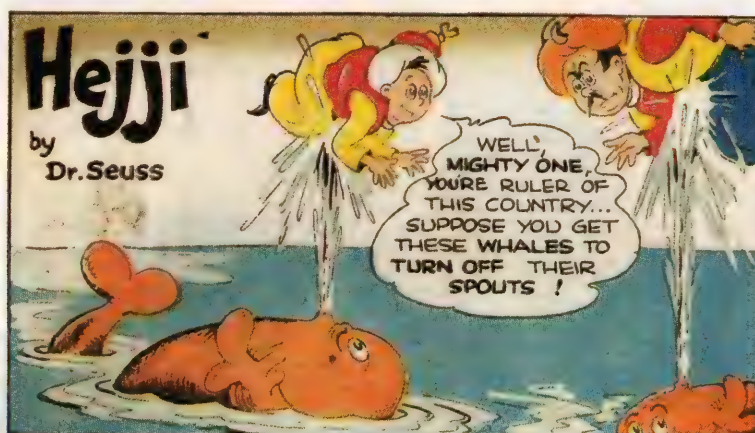


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"AND NOW, FOR OUR FINALE..."

CLASSIC COMIC

Dr. Seuss, whose real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel, drew the "Hejji" comic strip for King Features Syndicate in 1935. Even though Dr. Seuss had not yet created his famous books—such as *The Cat in the Hat* and *Horton Hears a Who!*—you can see many of his trademarks in this comic strip. For example: made-up words ("gumba" tree) and fantastic colorful creatures.



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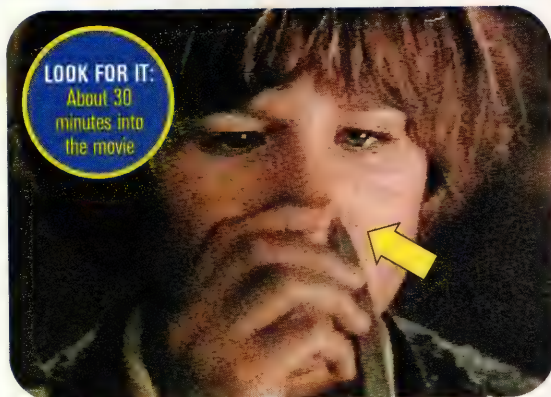
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Hooray for Hollywoods!

Your favorite movies aren't always picture-perfect. Even though there are people on the movie set to catch mistakes, errors can still slip by. *Carmen Morais* found six little goof-ups that made it to the big screen.

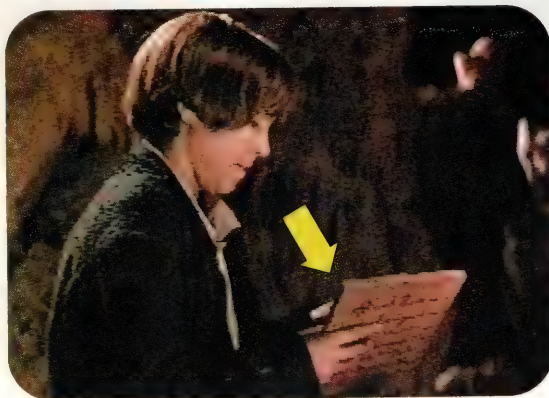
Real



Finger It Out:
Tom and Huck

What's going on: Tom Sawyer (Jonathan Taylor Thomas) and Huckleberry Finn (Brad Renfro) decide to sign an oath in blood, swearing to never speak of the murder they just witnessed. Tom pulls out his knife and cuts the index finger of his *right* hand (*above*).

The blooper: Tom signs his initials with the bloody finger of his *left* hand (uh, *right*).



About eighty percent of American households have a VCR.



May the Forehead Be With You:
Star Wars

What's going on: In the Death Star, a door slides up, and a group of Stormtroopers charges into a room where R2-D2 and C-3PO have been hiding.

The blooper: The Stormtrooper on the right should have ducked, because he accidentally bashes his head on the door (*above*), and you can even hear a loud *thwack*.



Christmas in July:
Independence Day

What's going on: It's the morning of July 2, a hot summer day. In the White House, the President's press secretary reads *USA Today*.

The blooper: The weather map on the back page of the newspaper shows most of the country colored blue and green (*above*), which are *USA Today*'s colors for cold, winter temperatures.

The first filmed pie-in-the-face occurred in 1913, in the movie *A Noise From the Deep*.

Continued



LOOK FOR IT:
About an hour
and a half into
the movie



The Butler Did It: *Batman Forever*

What's going on: It's Halloween night. The Riddler and Two-Face, disguised as trick-or-treaters, ring Bruce Wayne's doorbell. When Alfred the butler opens the door, the Riddler hits him over the head with a cane. Alfred passes out, dropping a silver tray in front of a closet door (*left*).



The blooper: If you watch carefully, you can see Alfred push the tray out of the way (*above*)—even though he's supposed to be knocked out. This allows the Riddler and Two-Face to open the closet door and stuff Alfred inside.

Surely You Chess: *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*

LOOK FOR IT:
A little more
than an hour
into the movie



What's going on: Ace bursts into the consulate to nab the Consul General and finds him alone at a table, playing chess (*above*). There are large carved chess pieces in front of him, and Ace even picks one up.



The blooper: Halfway through the scene—right after Ace screams “Captain Compost!”—all of the chess pieces are suddenly gone from the board (*above*) and remain missing for the rest of the scene.

L. Frank Baum, the author of *The Wizard of Oz*, owned a store named Baum's Bazaar.

The Mirror Has Two Chances: *Clueless*

LOOK FOR IT:
About an hour
and 15 minutes
into the movie



What's going on: Cher hits a parked car during her driving test (*left*), and the side-view mirror on the passenger door gets smashed.



The blooper: When Cher turns the corner and stops the Jeep, the mirror is suddenly as good as new (*left*).



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Hello,

My Name Is:

Fame Quiz

by Placey Bowers

From once-was to might-have-beens, here's a quiz to test your knowledge of famous names and titles. All answers on page 70.



1. The book *Jaws* was almost titled:

- a. Big 'n' Scary
- b. Gums
- c. The Terror of the Monster



2. The book *Treasure Island* was once titled:

- a. The Sea Cook
- b. "X" Marks the Spot
- c. How Do You Fold This Map Back Up?

3. What was *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* called when it was first written?

- a. *Alice's Adventures Underground*
- b. *Alice Digs a Hole*
- c. *Alice Falls in the Well*

4. *Mighty Mouse* was first called:

- a. Super Mouse
- b. Randy Rodent
- c. Naughty Mouse



Laura Ingalls Wilder wore black to her wedding.

5. The TV show *Ellen* was first called:

- a. *Friends*
- b. *With Friends Like These*
- c. *These Friends of Mine*

6. Which of the following was *Scrabble* never called?

- a. Criss-Cross Words
- b. I Cna't Spell
- c. Lexico

7. Wynonna Judd's real first name is:

- a. Ashley
- b. Elmer
- c. Christina



8. *En Vogue* was first called:

- a. Vogue
- b. In Vogue
- c. En Dash

9. What was the alter ego of TV's *Wonder Woman*?

- a. Wanda Webster
- b. The Hero Formerly Known as Diana Prince
- c. Diana Prince

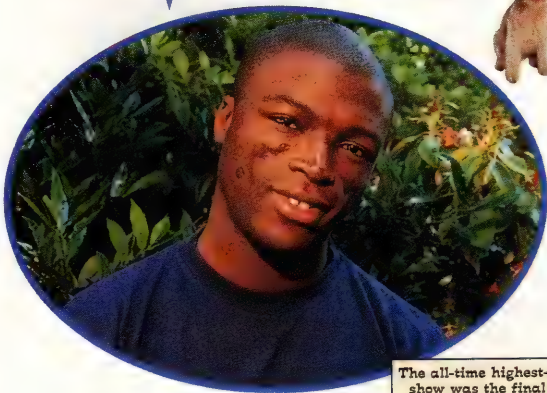


True or False?

1. **T F** Steven Spielberg originally gave *E.T.* the title *A Boy's Life*.
2. **T F** According to legend, Mickey Mouse was almost named Mortimer.
3. **T F** John Tesh's real name is John Tush.
4. **T F** The Cranberries started out as The Cranberry Saw Us.



5. **T F** Bugs Bunny is called that because he was originally half insect, half rabbit.
6. **T F** Whoopi Goldberg's real name is Caryn Johnson.
7. **T F** *Independence Day* was called *Arbor Day* until its release was postponed.
8. **T F** Seal's real name is Sealhenry Samuel.

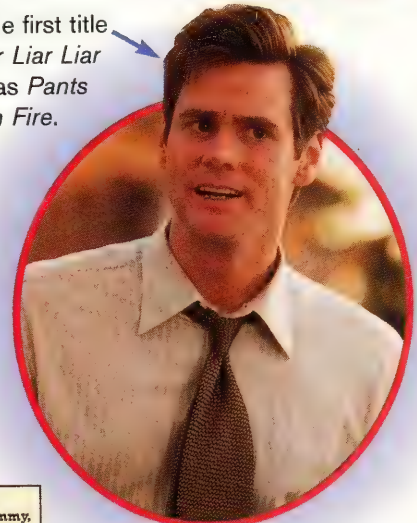


Did they name him that on porpoise?



The all-time highest-rated TV show was the final episode of *M*A*S*H*, in 1983.

9. **T F** The book *Gone With the Wind* was almost called *Ba! Ba! Black Sheep*.
10. **T F** RuPaul's real first name is RuPaul.
11. **T F** Alex Trebek's real first name is Who-Is?
12. **T F** Regis Philbin's middle name is Lee.
13. **T F** Michael Keaton's real name is Michael Douglas, but he had to change it because there already was an actor with that name.
14. **T F** The Incredible Hulk was first called The Credible Clunk.
15. **T F** Tom Cruise's real name is Thomas Cruise Mapother IV.
16. **T F** The first title for *Liar Liar* was *Pants on Fire*.



Charlie McCarthy, a ventriloquist's wooden dummy, won an Oscar in 1937.



From the Mixed-up Files of E.L. Konigsburg

by DeDe Lahman

E.L. KONIGSBURG has written 18 books, including *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, *Father's Arcane Daughter*, and *A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver*. Her newest book is *The View from Saturday*, about a group of sixth graders trying to win a competition. E.L. won the 1997 Newbery Medal for that book.

E.L. now...

...and then

Real

Bookends.

Nickelodeon Magazine: What do your initials stand for?

E.L. Konigsburg: The E stands for Elaine, and L is for Lobl, which is my maiden name. I used initials when I first started writing because I didn't think people needed to know whether I was a man or a woman. Also, my first initial is the same as [author] E.B. White's, and I admired him a great deal.

Why did you decide to become a writer?

I grew up in small mill towns in Pennsylvania, and I never read books that were about people like me. I never met me in a book. I lived in places where mothers worked as maids, and I was reading books about kids whose mothers *had* maids. Later, I wanted to write books that reflected how my own kids were growing up.

How many children do you have?

Three. One daughter and two sons. And I have five grandchildren. My son Ross posed as Jamie for illustrations [on the cover and inside] of *Files*, and the young man with glasses on the bus is my son Paul.

Which of your characters is most like you?

I think a lot of them are like me. They're also like my children, my mother, and my sisters.

How do you come up with an idea for a book?

Sometimes the idea is there, but I can't figure out how to tell the story. I had the idea for *Father's Arcane Daughter* for many years, but I

couldn't find a way to tell it. And then one day I was sitting in the tub, and from the tiles of the ceiling there dropped down these words: "Later—much, much later—when we both knew what we had bought and what it had cost..." Then the rest of the story came.

When you've finished writing a book, are you sad to leave the characters behind?

No. I've been asked to write a sequel to *From the Mixed-up Files*, and I can't. It's because I'm no longer the same person who wrote that book. So I can't pick up those characters and write about them again.

What's the coolest thing about being a grown-up?

The best, coolest, most fun thing about being a grown-up is that you have fewer people to answer to. You have more control over your time and over your space—and over what you eat and when you eat it.

What were you like when you were 12?

I was very good in school, and I helped around the house. I remember I was always busy doing something. I was very unathletic.

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Well, I wanted to be a scientist. I went to college to be a chemist. And that's what I started out as.

You were a scientist and now you're a writer. You're lucky that you can do both.

Well, it makes up for not being able to get past twosies in jacks. □

The R. L. in R.L. Stine stands for Robert Lawrence.

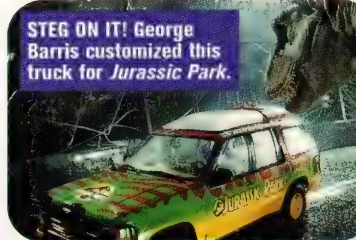
S.E. Hinton (Susan Eloise) wrote *The Outsiders* when she was 16.



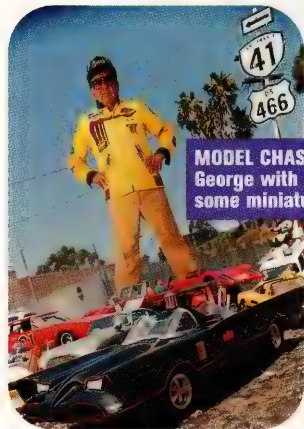
The Prince of

by Becky Burcham

GEORGE BARRIS, the owner of Barris Kustom Industries, has been designing cars for movies and TV shows since 1950. He built the original Batmobile and the Beverly Hillbillies' wagon-car for TV. For movies, he designed the Ghostbusters' ambulance, customized the trucks for *Jurassic Park*, and made the prehistoric cars for the movie *The Flintstones*, among others.



Real



Nickelodeon Magazine: When you were a kid, did you customize your bikes?
George Barris: Absolutely. I customized them with mud flaps and reflectors.

How did you get started working on cars?

I always liked cars, so I hung around the local body shop. I played around pounding on

fenders and welding pieces together. When I was 15, I could finally drive, so I got myself an old car and customized it. Kids at school liked it, and I customized cars for them. It was better than a paper route.

How many cars do you own now?

I have 22 cars that I actually drive. I pick which one to drive depending on my mood. When I drive Knight Rider, it's a lot of fun; it has a lot of power. And I drive a lot of my movie cars to and from work.

Do people recognize the cars on the road?

Absolutely. They'll point and honk and give me the thumbs-up.

What's your favorite regular car?

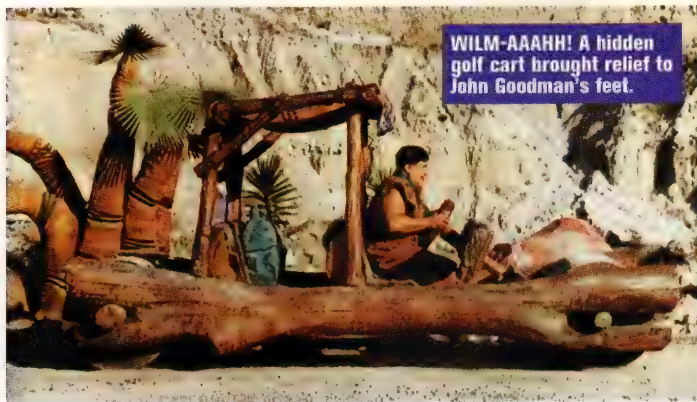
The Dodge Viper. I have one that's candy red with flames painted all over it. It's wild-looking.

Did you build cars for your kids when they were younger?

I made them customized go-carts. And my son's bed was like a hot rod. It had wheels, and a grille for a headboard.

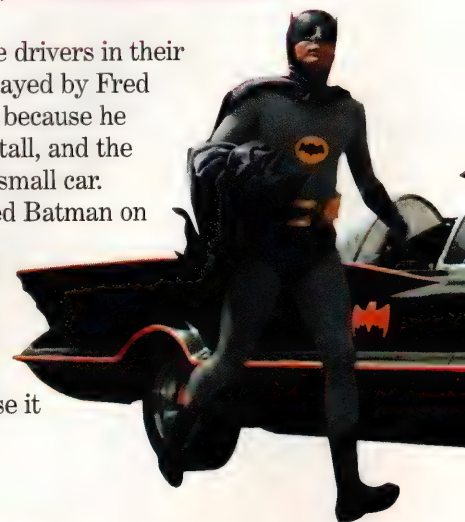
How did Fred Flintstone's car work?

John Goodman [who played Fred in the movie] had to power the car with his feet. After a while, it hurt, so we put a golf cart underneath the frame. Then he could just shake his feet. John came up to me and said, "Great! You've saved my feet!" I got rid of his calluses.



Who's a better driver, TV's Herman Munster or Batman?

They were both unique drivers in their own ways. Herman [played by Fred Gwynne] had it tough, because he was almost seven feet tall, and the Munster Koach was a small car. Adam West, who played Batman on TV, was a good driver, but every once in a while, he'd scrape the Batmobile coming out of the Batcave tunnel, because it was so narrow.



In 1930, West Coast theater owners complained that mini-golf was taking away their younger patrons.

The average full-length feature movie is on 1.5 miles of film.

Rides



BARRISMOBILE: George did some work on the *Batman Returns* car.

How long does it take to customize a car?

It's not how long—it's how long they give you. For the [TV] Batmobile, I had three weeks. We worked around the clock.

What's the most expensive car you've ever built?

I made a gold-plated Rolls-Royce limousine for Zsa Zsa Gabor.

Thank you, dahling.



What other celebrities have you built cars for?

Elvis was one of my big customers. We did a lot of cars and some motor homes for him. I did a gold convertible for him—gold-plated, gold interior, with a gold statue of him and a record player on the back.

HOLY HOOD ORNAMENT! Adam West (left) and Burt Ward with the TV Batmobile.



Why do you spell Kustom with a K?

If I can change a car, that means I can change a word. That's why I put the K in Kustom. □

The Spanish-language version of *Grease* was called *Vaselina*.

Double Play

Some Major League Baseball players have had some majorly funny names and nicknames, such as Van Lingle Mungo and Ducky Medwick. In each of the following pairs, circle the real major league player. Answers on page 70.



- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. a) Coot Veal
b) Ken Gristle Jr. | 9. a) Sargento Pimento
b) Paul Sorrento |
| 2. a) Rip D. Uniform
b) Cal Ripken Jr. | 10. a) Zack Wheat
b) Silo Cornmuffin |
| 3. a) Buttercup Dickerson
b) Daisy Fuentes | 11. a) Mo Vaughn
b) Mo DeLawne |
| 4. a) Sy Borg
b) Garth Iorg | 12. a) Buster Keester
b) Heinie Manush |
| 5. a) Arthur Donshure
b) Orel Hershiser | 13. a) Goose Gossage
b) Pigeon Splattz |
| 6. a) Cookie Lavagetto
b) Duncan Doughnut | 14. a) Hershey Krackel
b) Candy Maldonado |
| 7. a) Clyde Kluttz
b) Muffy Butterfington | 15. a) Taffy Wright
b) Turkish Wrong |
| 8. a) Possum Whitted
b) Skunk Badsmell | 16. a) Farmer Steelman
b) John Deere |

Such Hanson Guys

Real

Three brothers from Tulsa, Oklahoma—Isaac, 16, Taylor, 13, and Zac, 11—make up the band **HANSON** (which just so happens to be their last name). Hanson's new album, *Middle of Nowhere*, features "MMMbop" and 12 other songs, all written by the brothers. The band sounds a lot like another set of brothers—The Jackson Five. Here are the A-B-Cs and 1-2-3s of the newer singing siblings.

Used to be called: The Hanson Brothers, and they toyed with the idea of calling themselves The *Handsome* Brothers.

First public performance: At an arts festival in Tulsa, Oklahoma, about five years ago. They sang a cappella (without instruments) back then.

Where else they've lived: In Venezuela (a South American country) and Trinidad (a Caribbean island), because their dad's job with an oil company moved them around.

How they relax: Playing table tennis.

Lessons taken: Classical piano.



HEY, HANSON
(front to back):
Taylor, Zac,
and Isaac.

Other talents: Isaac can imitate Kermit the Frog and Bullwinkle. Taylor is a cartoonist. Zac can speak while belching.

Where they practiced: Inside the house, until their parents converted the garage into a recording studio. Taylor exclaims, "We're finally a garage band!"

Not to be confused with: Jim Henson, Shirley Manson, Beck Hansen, Dan Jansen, or Hans Christian Andersen.



Zac, Taylor, and
Isaac (clockwise
from top).

Johann Sebastian Bach
had 20 children.

Ludwig van Beethoven used
to hit his piano keys so hard
the strings inside would snap.

Real

Meet Meat Loaf's Meat Loaf



Some rock stars
have pretty cool
names. Just ask
MEAT LOAF
(also known as
Marvin Lee Aday).

BY DEDE LAHMAN

Nickelodeon Magazine:
Where did your nickname
come from?

Meat Loaf: My dad called me Meat Loaf—two words, please—when I was a baby. And the kids at school called me Meat Loaf all through high school and college. When I played football, my jersey said MEAT LOAF.

Does anyone ever call you "Meat"?

Everyone calls me Meat, except my daughters, Pearl and Amanda. They call me Dad.

How often do you eat meat loaf, and what do you put on it?

I guess I only eat it a couple times a year. My wife makes it frosted like a cake, only



Not Meat Loaf's meat loaf, but an incredible simulation.

instead of frosting, she uses mashed potatoes. I like to put sugar-free ketchup or mustard on it.

Meat Loaf's Meat Loaf

2 cups crumbled crackers
or day-old bread
¾ cup milk
2 stalks celery, diced
2 onions, chopped
3 pounds lean ground beef
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon Tabasco
¼ cup ketchup
3 large eggs

Preheat oven to 350°. Soak the bread in the milk at the bottom of a bowl. Then add everything else. Mix with your hands and get out all the lumps. Place it in a large pan and pat it into a nice loaf shape. Spread some ketchup on the outside. Bake for one hour. Optional: After baking, frost with mashed potatoes and put back in the oven for 10 minutes. Serve with a nice salad and iced tea.

REMEMBER: Always have an adult help you in the kitchen.

Sing-a-Wrong

We joked
around with
this jukebox.

See if you
can spot all
12 mistakes.

We circled
the first one
for you.

Answers
on page
70.



I'm just
a dog.

Thomas Edison invented
the first phonograph in 1877.
His "records" were made
of tinfoil and looked like
empty toilet-paper rolls.

1

"WHO WILL SHAVE YOUR MOLE?"

JEWELRY

"YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME"

2

"EVERYDAY IS A WINDING ROAD"

SHERYL CROAK

"IF IT MAKES YOU SAPPY"

3

"YOU MUST LOVE ME"

MADONNA

"DON'T CRY FOR ME OKLAHOMA"

4

"WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE"

ALLSPICE GIRLS

"WALLABY"

5

"I BELIEVE I CAN FRY"

R. SMELLY

"DOWN LOW"

6

"DON'T SNEAK"

NO POUT

"JUST A GIRL"

7

"LOSING A GLOVE (IS HARD ON THE
SKIERS)"

AEROSMITH

"CRAZY"



On the Beat

Beck



by John-Ryan Heuron



Los Angeles native **Beck** recorded most of his first album for DGC records in his friend Karl's garage. Now, three years later, Beck, 26, has sold more than 2 million records and won two Grammys.

Take this quiz to find out if you know where Beck is at.

Circle the correct answer to each question. Answers on page 70.

1

Beck's last name is:

- a. Hansen.
- b. Seat-Driver.
- c. Beck.
- d. He doesn't have one.

4

Beck is the second cousin of Shaggy from *Scooby-Doo*.

- a. True
- b. False

2

In the song "Where It's At," Beck sings:

- a. "I got Tina Turner on the telephone."
- b. "I got a new cable for my cordless phone."
- c. "I got two turntables and a microphone."
- d. "Call old Mabel, the cow's come home."

5

When not on tour, Beck enjoys herding cattle.

- a. True
- b. False



3

The title of Beck's latest album is:

- a. "Yodel, Hey!"
- b. "No Delay"
- c. "Ode to Hay"
- d. "Odelay"

Elvis' favorite snack was grilled peanut-butter-and-banana sandwiches.

PULL-OUT PRANK



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JEERS to *Unsolved Mysteries*.
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CHEERS to the chairs on the reruns of *Cheers*. They really have their feet on the ground.

JEERS to killer bees, sharks, Komodo dragons, and all the other animals on nature shows that scare the wits out of us.

CHEERS to deer, otters (*triglit*), whales, and other animals that charm us in ways bees, sharks, and Komodo dragons never could in their wildest dreams.



TEARS to *Party of Five*, for knowing how to make us cry week after week.

FEARS to *Goosebumps*. We're too a-scared to watch next week!

GEARS to *Real-Life High-Speed Car Chase!*, the new cop show devoted to actual footage of lots of real-life high-speed car chases!

SEERS to Dionne Warwick of the Psychic Friends Network, because she always knows what we're thinking.

Today 1997

TEE HEE GUIDE CROSSWORD

Puzzle #6,479,532

ACROSS

- Abbreviation for also known as
- Boy Meets World* star — Savage
- The —; or game system Nint — o

DOWN

- Lincoln's first name, for short
- Barbie's guy friend
- The Adventures of Pete — Pete*

STUMPED???

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Answers to previous puzzle

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Answers to this puzzle on page 70.

SOAPS

BY JOY DOVE

GOOD, CLEAN FUN

Luv is in the air behind the scenes at *Neutrogena Hospital*. A real-life romance has brewed between on-screen rivals Camay Coast and Zest Jergens.

The two have announced that they married at Lever House last month, where an elaborate, multi-tiered wedding soap cake was served.

Following the ceremony, the bubbly couple slipped off for a brief honeymoon in Irish Springs.



Coast & Jergens: Exchanging bathtub rings.

stumped as to why each and every star, from studly Ajax Colgate all the way down to Lil' Ivory Waters, has pruny fingers. Some are pointing their shriveled digits at dastardly **Tad Tide**, saying "He's nothing but soap scum."

Through his publicist at **Spic & Span**, Tide denies all charges; he has, however, hired the high-powered criminal law firm of **Johnson, Johnson, Procter, & Gamble**.

ALL WASHED UP

Look for longtime suds star **Palm Olive** to depart *The Young and the Scentless* at the end of the month. "It's been a gentle cycle, but I feel as though I've lost some of my grease-fighting power," she said.

How will the producers handle her departure? "My character, Boraxa Barre, will finally go down the drain, succumbing to a non-comedogenic rash," Ms. Olive said. As for how

the actress herself is feeling, "After my thirteenth spin cycle, I was at the end of my soap-on-a-rope," she said. She is also looking forward to moving to prime time with a recurring role on **Brooke Shield's** *Sudsy Susan*.

The Who, What, and Y

Why does the entire school smell like tuna casserole? Why use a block of wood as a bathroom pass? Why is it called "language arts?" Why are the walls painted this nasty green? Why do we have to wait all morning for lunch? Why is an hour so long? Why, why, *why*?

On the new moody, suspenseful show *The Y-Files*, it's school mysteries like these that have student-government agents Dumma Numskully and Ox Mullover purposely missing the after-

school bus, sneaking around in the janitor's closet, prowling the cafeteria, and trying to enter the forbidden teachers' lounge. The agents are convinced that with these nagging questions answered, both the school day and the school year could

be considerably shorter. However, the real truth escapes them as their principal, the mysterious, coffee-guzzling Caffeine Woman, masterminds a cover-up conspiracy. Agents Numskully and Mullover are foiled at every turn by pesky meal technicians, testy teachers, henchman hall monitors, and crafty crossing-guards.

Avid Anchovy, 10, who plays the mystical Ox

Continued →





Mullover, says his first leading role is "a dream come true. The kind of mysteries on the show were the same things I was worrying about when I was eight, but I wasn't an actor playing a detective yet, so I couldn't really try to solve them then. It's nice to have the opportunity, now that I'm 10."

The forever-skeptical Dumm Numskully is played by actress Jelly Panderson, 11, who hasn't let the show's hectic production schedule interfere *too* much with her personal life. "Each day, I make a point of making some 'Me' time, which is when I usually fight with my mom about why I have to take a bath," she says.

CLOSE-UP

CHECKUP!
TOMORROW on **KICU**

NEW EPISODE:

CHECKUP! returns with its first new episode since National Health Month. As the show opens, young and restless patient Marky Greengills (played by Anthony Headwards) frantically searches the waiting room for a magazine that's less than two years old. Tension builds as Marky spies Dr. Doug Gross (Gorge Looney) cooling his stethoscope in a glass of ice water.

When Marky finally gets his exam, Dr. Gross accuses him of standing on his tiptoes while being measured. The show reaches an emotional climax when Marky reminds Gross that his measles shot hurt for longer than "just a second."

Meanwhile, the tender subplot of Karen Rashaway's (Juliana Margoleg) sore throat is sure to draw *oohs* and *aaahhs*. This show has obviously been given a mid-season booster, making **CHECKUP!** nothing to sneeze at.



TONIGHT

☒ Movies
☒ Sports events
☐ Same old stuff
☒ A very special episode

	8-9 PM	9-10 PM	10-11 PM
(MTHee)	The MTHee Video Game Awards Hosts: Ben Spiller and Carmen Electric. With Tatis Danson, Nintendo Cherry, and Joystick Sticky. Highlight: Ms. Pac-Man retrospective.	The Real Out of This World The cast meets for the first time as <i>The Real World</i> moves to the orbiting <i>Mir</i> Station. Sonia accuses Dmitri of invading her space; trouble with the zero-gravity toilet.	House of Tile Host Sinky Crawford interviews shower curtain designer Calvin Cleaneer. Also, up close with model Mark Waterloo; mildew removal with Kate Mossy; and Macaulay Caulking on dining grout in style.
(KRUD)	Clone Improvement The Tims make the usually sheepish Dollys mad when the guys fail to fix the barnyard fence. (Tim Allen, Tim Allen, Dolly, Dolly)	Bismarck, North Dakota 58501 The gang must run a snowmobile race to benefit the Pinecone Pit. Plus: Kelly wins the Miss Wolverine contest.	Clothesanne Clothesanne wins lottery; buys more clothes; hires a blind Becky; Jackie buys a husband.
(WART)	Zelda: Terrier Princess Zelda convinces centaurs to pick up after themselves; horseplay ensues. (Lucy Pawless; special guest: Kevin Sorbowser as Herculeas)	Biography: Urkel From little nerd to mature nerd. How he grew, why his pants didn't.	Signfield Jerry asks, "What's the deal with stop signs?" George's parents yell at him for walking when Don't Walk is flashing. Elaine dates a sign painter. Kramer pretends to know sign language.
(KLIMN)	*** Not With My Action Figures You Don't (1997) Made-for-TV movie. Based on a true story of a young man's battle to keep his action figures from the family dog. (Mereditth Bigstar, Bruised Willis)		
(WNAP)	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch Sabrina uses her magic to tell on all her friends. Learns an important lesson. (Melissa Joan Smarypants)	National Pro Belly-Flop Tournament Live from Stomach Muscle Beach, California.	Imaginary Friends A guy named Chatterer pretends that he lives with a big group of funny room-mates and a monkey. Talks to himself at a coffee shop. Premiere. (Matthew Perky)
(WIFF)	★ The Macaroni Men of Mercury (1956; rated PU-13) Call them cheesy! Pasta people imperil president, try to kidnap Chef Boyardee. Overcooked, a really wet noodle. (Cheddar Heston, Mozzarella Mastrotianni, Briegette Bardot, Jean-Claude Van Edam. Dir: Ingmar Jansbergman)		
(SHOP)	A Doll's House Collectible figurines, all priced to sell.	Sports Memorabilia Satin jackets, signed napkins, left-over ballpark franks of baseball legends.	The Rock Cubic zirconia hour.

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Shooting Stars

Real

This summer, eight new Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) teams will be led by some great players. We courted two of them—**Lisa Leslie** and **Rebecca Lobo**.

Model Player



Lisa Leslie (left) is both a model player and a model. The six-foot-five-inch 1996 Olympian now plays forward and center for the L.A. Sparks. In her free time, she struts her stuff on the catwalk.

Where do you keep your '96 Olympic gold medal?

I hide it at home, because I'm afraid it will get stolen. I hide it so well that I often forget where it is. Sometimes it takes me a few days to figure out where I put it last.

Since you were already six feet tall in the sixth grade, did kids make fun of you?

Always. Olive Oyl was my nickname. I didn't choose it. At the time, a line from a popular song was "Act your age, not your shoe size." Kids used to say it didn't matter in my case, because I was 12 and wore a size-12 shoe.

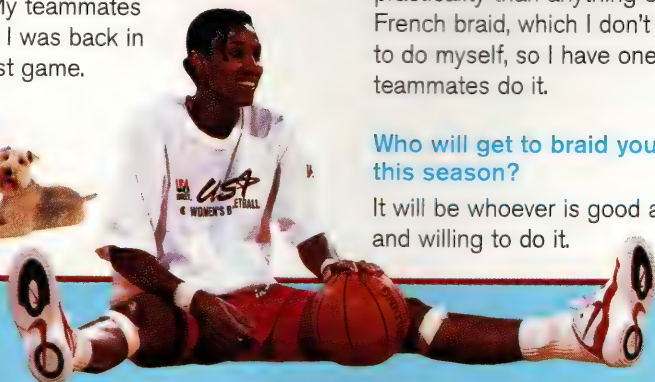
What's the funniest thing that has happened to you during a game?

On the national team, all my teammates knew I wanted to improve my finger roll [where you make a basket with an underhand shot]. During a game in Russia, I got a steal. I started dribbling down the court and took off from the free-throw line and tried to finger roll the ball. The ball just went up in the air and came down—it didn't touch the rim or anything. My teammates were all laughing. It felt like I was back in the seventh grade at my first game.

Can you finger roll now?

Yeah.

Pass the finger rolls.



Following the Rules

Here's how the **WNBA** measures up to the **NBA**:

Ball circumference:	28.5 inches	30 inches
Game time:	two 20-minute halves	two 24-minute halves
Time on shot clock:	30 seconds	24 seconds
Height of basket:	10 feet	10 feet
Distance from three-point line to basket:	19 feet 9 inches	22 feet

Go Lobo

Last summer, **Rebecca Lobo (right)** was the youngest player on the gold-medal-winning 1996 USA Women's Olympic Basketball team. Now, she's playing forward and center for the New York Liberty.

Do you have a nickname?

During the '96 Olympics, people in the media called me Rookie. And occasionally, people on the team called me that, too. My other nickname is B [for Becky].

Is there anything your Olympic teammates made you do because you were the low woman on the totem pole?

I had bus duty, which meant I had to make sure it was organized and clean. We traveled all over the country on the bus. Fortunately, my teammates were pretty neat.

Did anyone ever get bus sick?

No. And if they had, I wouldn't have cleaned that up.

What do you most look forward to doing in the WNBA?

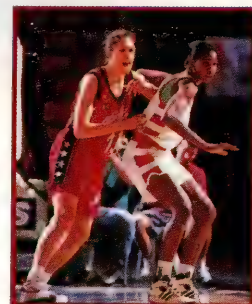
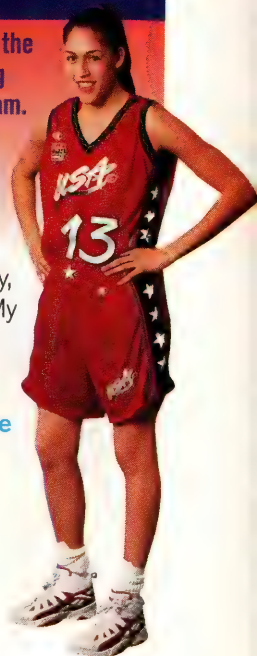
I'm mostly excited about playing for the fans.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

I always get my hair braided, more for practicality than anything else. It's a French braid, which I don't know how to do myself, so I have one of my teammates do it.

Who will get to braid your hair this season?

It will be whoever is good at it and willing to do it.



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Good Burger: A Movie Well Done



Good Burger, based on the popular *All That* sketch, will sizzle on movie screens this summer. Kel Mitchell and Kenan Thompson star in the full-length feature film as employees of Good Burger, a run-down fast-food restaurant. The movie follows the duo's meatheaded adventures while they try to stop the competition, Mondo Burger, from stealing Ed's secret sauce recipe. Guest stars include Carmen Electra, Sinbad, and Shaquille O'Neal.

David Lewman grilled some of the cast about what makes a good burger and more.

KEL MITCHELL (Ed, a Good Burger employee):

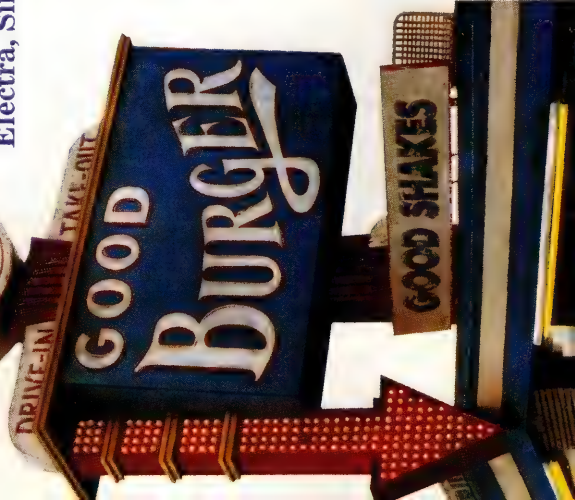
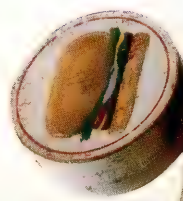
Do you eat meat?

Yes, I eat meat. I like meat. It's all right.

First time I met meat, or me and meat met, it was neat.

What's the weirdest way you've ever eaten a burger?

When I was little, I'd put my finger through the middle of a burger and eat around it. I'd eat all the way around until the meat was small. I was a weird child.



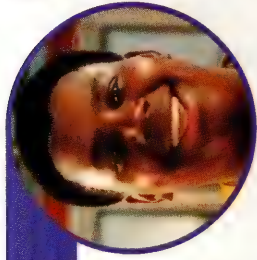
On the set with host Summer Sanders.

Can You Figure It Out?

Nickelodeon's newest game show, *Figure It Out*, allows kids to show off their talents. Each show features two kids with special skills—such as the girl who can fold herself into the shape of a pretzel or the one who can play piano while lying on her back. A celebrity panel tries to figure out what the skill is by asking a series of questions. The longer it takes the panel to uncover the special talent, the more prizes the contestant wins.

KENAN THOMPSON (Dexter, a Good Burger employee):

Would you eat at a place like Good Burger?
Yes, maybe. But if I saw Ed, I might run.



ABE VIGODA (Otis, the oldest Good Burger employee):

What makes a good burger?
A good burger has to be made of very fresh meat, as opposed to a hamburger that is mixed with fillers such as bread and other ingredients. You want all of the patty to be meat, from a big cut of fresh beef. It should be cooked medium rare and juicy.

JOSH SERVER (Fizz, a Good Burger employee):

Have you ever been recognized at a drive-through?
Yeah. I was driving Kenan home from work and the woman in the window at Astro Burger [a Los Angeles fast-food chain] said, "Excuse me, my friend wants to know if you're on TV."

Did she give you extra fries?

All I'm gonna say is, it's not bad being on TV.



RON LESTER (Spatch, a Good Burger cook):

What makes a good burger?
Love, man. When you're done and you realize you've just bitten into a hamburger that was made with love, it's so *mmm* good.

Would you ever eat at a place like Good Burger?
Oh, absolutely. The hamburgers are made with love.

What do you put on your fries?

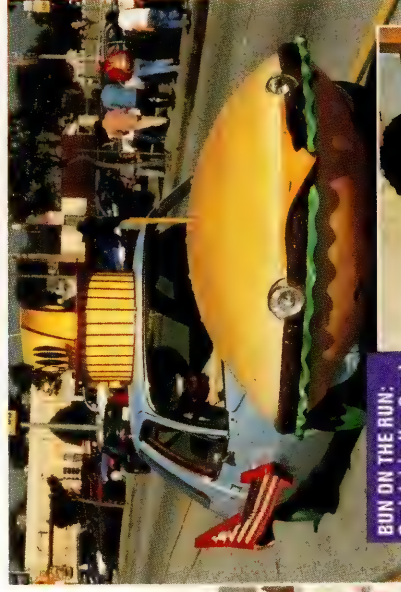
Believe it or not, mayonnaise or ranch dressing or ice cream.

What's the weirdest burger you've ever eaten?

I went home to Virginia to see some of my cousins, and they fed me an opossum burger.

How was it?

Hairy.



BUN ON THE RUN:
Cruisin' in the Good Burger Mobile (top). Kenan and Sinbad hang (right).



GREETINGS FROM GOOD BURGER
(from left to right): Josh, Ron, Kel, Shar Jackson, Abe, Dan Schneider, Ginny Schreiber, and Kenan.

Some of the celebrity panelists who'll rack their brains are Curtis Williams Jr., Reagan Gomez-Preston, Taran Noah Smith, and Michelle Trachtenberg. Other panelists include Nickelodeon stars Lori Beth Denberg, Josh Server, Amanda Bynes, Irene Ng, and Danny Tamberelli.

Summer Lovin'

Before becoming the host of *Figure It Out*, Summer Sanders (above) kept busy. In the 1992 Olympics, she won four swimming medals—two gold, a silver, and a bronze. She's worked as an NBC sports commentator and hosted MTV's *Sand Blast*. **Lindsey von Busch** asked Summer some puzzling questions.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Do you do a lot of puzzles?
Summer Sanders: Right before the 1992 Olympics [in Barcelona, Spain], the athletes spent a lot of time resting in the hotel. We'd do enormous jigsaw puzzles.

What's it like being a game show host?

I'm a cheerleader and a traffic cop. I really have to get psyched before the game. I prepare for the show as I would for a race—I jump up and down to build up my energy.

Do you find it hard to keep a secret?

Yes. In real life, I'm the worst. I always give presents early or give hints.

Do the panelists have to follow any rules?

Only one: Questions must be worded so that they get "yes" or "no" answers.

What was your favorite game show as a kid?

I used to watch *The Price Is Right* when I was little. I knew that show like the back of my hand.

Tune in to *Figure It Out* weekdays at 6 PM, beginning Monday, July 7. On July 19, the show will move to its regular time slot, Saturdays and Sundays at 6 PM.

Show airs one hour earlier in central time zone. Show times subject to change.



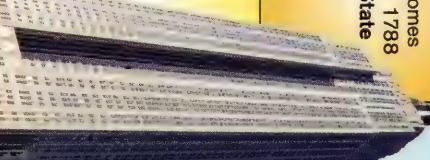
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1 Dairy Month begins Milk this month for all it's worth. 	2 National Fishing Week begins This week should be reely interesting.	3 Curtis Mayfield, musician, born, 1942 How come he's not Curtis June field? 	4 Flag Day in Finland When will they Finnish celebrating?	5 Richard Scarry, author and illustrator, born, 1919 He got a worm welcome. 	6 20/20 makes its TV debut, 1978 Get your vision checked.	7 Your dairy reminder #1: A cow eats more than 90 pounds of food a day.
8 National Hug Holiday Week begins Embrace this day. 	9 Johnny Depp, actor, born, 1963 Think Depp thoughts. 	10 National Clay Festival begins in Uhrichsville, Ohio Go outside and clay.	11 Joe Montana, NFL player, born, 1956 Is he from Montana? 	12 Your dairy reminder #2: All cows are females. 	13 Aerospace America '97 begins in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Will Steven Tyler show up? 	14 Your dairy reminder #3: The first plastic-coated paper milk carton was used in 1932.
15 Helen Hunt, actress, born, 1963 Play Twister. <i>Father's Day</i>	16 The first woman—a Soviet cosmonaut—is sent into space, 1963 She was really far out.	17 Your dairy reminder #4: The average American eats about 26 pounds of cheese per year.	18 Sir Paul McCartney, one of the Beatles, born, 1942 It's been a Hard Day's Knight.	19 World Juggling Day It's a toss-up! 	20 Nicole Kidman, actress, born, 1967 Her parents took a portrait of a baby.	21 Summer begins Don't get the summertime blues. <i>Zodiac sign Cancer begins</i> 
22 Your dairy reminder #5: An average dairy cow weighs about 1,400 pounds.	23 Wilma Rudolph, sprinter, born, 1940 Was it a speedy delivery?	24 First reported flying saucer sighting, 1947 The next day, a flying cup was spotted. 	25 Battle of Little Big Horn is fought, 1876 Choose your battles. 	26 Chris O'Donnell, actor, born, 1970 His mother was rockin' Robin. 	27 "Happy Birthday to You" is composed, 1859 How old is it now? (138 years old) 	28 Luigi Pirandello, author, born, 1867 When was Mario born?
29 Your dairy reminder #6: No two Holstein cows have the same pattern of spots.	30 Dairy Month ends Don't cry over spilt milk.					

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 <i>To be perfectly frank fact #3:</i> John Paul Jones, American naval officer, born, 1747 Contemplate your naval.	7 U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship begins in Portland, Oregon Putt up your dukes. 	1 <i>National Hot Dog Month begins</i> Hot diggity dog!	2 Jose Canseco Jr., baseball player, born, 1964 Go to bat for someone. 	3 Stay Out of the Sun Day Catch some Zs instead of rays.	4 Independence Day Watch out for aliens. 	5 <i>To be perfectly frank fact #1:</i> Hot dogs were known as "red hot dachshund sausages" until 1901.
	8 Kevin Bacon, actor, born, 1958 We're all connected.	9 Chesapeake Turtle Derby held in Baltimore, Maryland And...the...winner...is... 	10 Don't Step on a Bee Day Oh, but tomorrow you should step on a bee? 	11 <i>To be perfectly frank fact #2:</i> Each year between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans eat more than 5 billion hot dogs. 	12 Kristi Yamaguchi, figure skater, born, 1971 Go figure.	13 <i>To be perfectly frank fact #3:</i> Hot dogs are served on the space shuttle.
14 Gerald Ford, 38th U.S. President, born, 1913 Has he driven a Ford lately?	15 <i>To be perfectly frank fact #4:</i> In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt served hot dogs to England's King George VI.	16 Hog Calling Contest held in Baltimore, Maryland Who are you calling a hog?	17 David Hasselhoff, actor, born, 1952 His parents were on Babywatch.	18 Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway, NBA player, born, 1972 Get L! Penny to throw a pool party. 	19 Edgar Degas, artist, born, 1834 Easel come, easel go.	20 First man lands on the moon, 1969 Is your Armstrong?
21 Ernest Hemingway, writer, born, 1899 The son also rises. 	22 Bob Dole, politician, born, 1923 Dole out the barrel.	23 Zodiac sign Leo begins We aren't lion.	24 Karl Malone, NBA player, born, 1963 Do you spend a lot of time home, Malone?	25 <i>To be perfectly frank fact #5:</i> The longest hot dog ever made was 2,377 feet long.	26 New York becomes the 11th state, 1788 The Empire State strikes back.	27 <i>To be perfectly frank fact #6:</i> There are about 3,000 licensed hot dog vendors in New York City.
28 The Reign of Terror ends in France, 1794 The reign, reign, went away.	29 <i>Three days left of National Hot Dog Month</i> Relish these last few days.	30 Henry Ford, automotive pioneer, born, 1863 He wore a Model T-shirt. 	31 <i>National Hot Dog Month ends</i> Coming next: the dog days of August. 			

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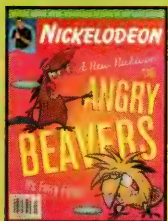
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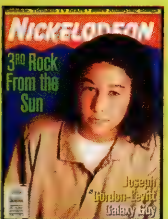
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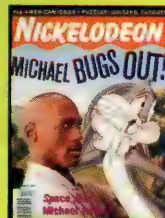
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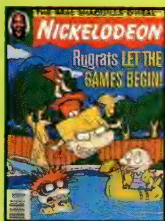
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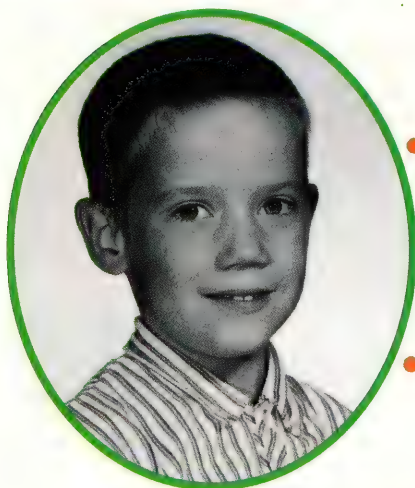
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Face to Face



KEVIN BACON
Actor

I'm in
seventh Kevin.



KEVIN COSTNER
Actor



KEVIN SORBO
Actor

Take a good look at this boy. Which famous Kevin did he grow up to be?
Answer on page 70.

Whatever You Want

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Say What?

from the January/February issue.
These entries were the coolest.

WOMAN: I love ice fishing.

MAN: Me too, but how about
using a fishing line instead
of my arm?

Keri J., age 12
Oakdale, Minnesota

WOMAN: I really like this dance.
What do you call it?

MAN: The "Electric Sled!"
Stefanie L., age 10½
Indianapolis, Indiana

WOMAN: Honey, do you think I
made enough mashed potatoes?

MAN: What, no butter?
Yasha N., age 10
Arlington, Texas

WOMAN: This is not working.
We're going to have to buy
a car!

MAN: But Hon, only 37 more
payments and Ol' Rosebud
is ours!

Julie J., age 10½
Waco, Texas

MAN: I told you we should have
bought the one with airbags.

WOMAN: Yeah, but we liked this
one for its wood grain.

Rayshel D., age 11½
Ocala, Florida

Thanks for all your submissions.
You sure snowed us!



The Jokes

by David Lewman

Which *Star Wars* character uses lunch meat instead of a light saber?

Obi-Wan Baloney.

Which *Star Wars* character loves miniature golf?

Jabba the Putt.

Which movie features Harrison Ford as a guy who stays up all night watching TV?

Return of the Redeye.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Ewok.

Ewok who?

'E wocked the door—wet me in.

Which actress loves horses?

Winona Rider.

Which actor makes only five cents per film?

Jack Nickel-son.

Which actor has the weakest stomach?

Keanu Heaves.

Which TV show features Tia and Tamera Mowry as twins whose shoes don't fit?

Blister, Blister.



Which movie features Rick Moranis as a guy who helps sea creatures lose weight?

Honey, I Shrunk the Squids.

Which movie features Arnold Schwarzenegger as a guy desperate to buy a can of potato chips?

Pringle All the Way.

Which movie is about a lot of lobsters?

101 Crustaceans.

Which movie is about huge, prehistoric dentists?

The Flossed World.

Did you hear about the new show featuring home movies of kids without Kleenex?

It's called America's Runniest Nose Videos.

Who's pink, rolls in the mud, and raps?

Snoop Hoggy Hogg.

Who's the best baby rapper?

LL Drool J.

What did Elvis tell Lisa Marie when she had only a wiener for lunch?

"You Ate Nothin' But a Hot Dog!"



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Answers

Four More Years! (page 4) 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-F, 5-T, 6-T, 7-F, 8-F, 9-T, 10-T, 11-T.

Meet Me at the Mini-Plex (pages 26-7)

Ceiling: The really big wheel is the **hubcap**, which has the **jingle bell** hanging from its center. Also on the ceiling are the **gold buttons** and the **jacks**.

Wall on left: The first **red pencil** and the first **paper clamp** are above the COMING SOON display. The display is surrounded by the **string of pearls**, and the **playing cards** are inside the display. The **red comb** is between the pearls and the COMING SOON sign.

Archway in front of concession stand: On either side are the **table knives** (2), and the top is made of the **shelf brackets** (2). The **dimes** (2) and **Mexican coins** are stuck to the front of the brackets. On top of the brackets are the **silver ballpoint pens** (2) and the **nut/lobster scrapers** (2). At the middle of the arch, between the brackets, the second **paper clamp** holds the **wrench**.

The concession stand area: The popcorn machine is made of the **toothbrushes** (2) and the **plastic coin purse**, inside of which are the **plastic pencil sharpener with shavings holder** and the **alphabet noodles**. The **starfish** is on the front of the popcorn machine. The hair of the woman behind the counter is made of the **shelled walnut**. On the front counter are the **silver pencil sharpener**, the **thimble**, and the **digital watch** (no band). On the back counter are the **saltshaker/pepper mill** and **cut-off crayons** (2). In the display case, as the candy, are the **dice** (2) and the **bouillon cubes**. In front of the display case is the **address book**, inside of which is the **pencil with metal end**. The **price tag** is the sign for jelly beans, and below it are the **watercolor paint box**, **harmonica**, and **leather wallet**. The **paper fan** is on the wall behind the concession stand, and the **doorknob** hangs above the whole area.

Floor: The **jigsaw puzzle pieces** are scattered around the floor. The **pennies** run along the side walls. The **doorstops** (3) stand upright as the rope poles; the **meat thermometer** and the **gold hoop earring** hold the EXIT ONLY sign; and the **wooden ruler** and **dollar bill** lie in front of the concession stand. The **paper clip dispenser** (with clips) is next to the ticket taker; the **brass hose nozzle** and **tiny safety pin** hold up the NO SMOKING sign; and the **protractor** lies in front of the ticket booth.

Ticket booth area: The lamp above the ticket booth is made from the **wooden ballpoint pen** (with cap), the **doorbell**, and the **candle**. Below the lamp, on the wall, are the **second red pencil**, the **third paper clamp**, and the **toy compass**. The ticket window is the **toothbrush-and-cup holder**, and the woman behind the window wears a **green rubber band necklace**. On the wall behind her are the **tickets**. Hurry up! *Honey, I Shrunk the Theater* is starting!

Hello, My Name Is: Fame Quiz (page 46) 1-c, 2-a, 3-a, 4-a, 5-c, 6-b, 7-c, 8-a, 9-c. **True or False?** (page 47) 1-T, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T, 10-T, 11-F, 12-F, 13-T, 14-F, 15-T, 16-F.

Double Play (page 51) 1-a, 2-b, 3-a, 4-b, 5-b, 6-a, 7-a, 8-a, 9-b, 10-a, 11-a, 12-b, 13-a, 14-b, 15-a, 16-a.

Sing-a-Wrong (page 53)

The mistakes are:

1. "Who Will Shave Your Mole?" should be "Who Will Save Your Soul?"
2. Jewelry should be Jewel.
3. Sheryl Croak should be Sheryl Crow.
4. "If It Makes You Sappy" should be "If It Makes You Happy."
5. "Don't Cry for Me Oklahoma" should be "Don't Cry for Me Argentina."
6. Allspice Girls should be Spice Girls.
7. "Wallaby" should be "Wannabe."
8. "I Believe I Can Fry" should be "I Believe I Can Fly."
9. R. Smelly should be R. Kelly.
10. "Don't Sneak" should be "Don't Speak."
11. No Pout should be No Doubt.
12. "Losing a Glove (Is Hard on the Skiers)" should be "Falling in Love (Is Hard on the Knees)."

On the Beat: Beck (page 54) 1-a, 2-c, 3-d, 4-b, 5-b.

Tee Hee Guide Crossword (page 56)

AKA
BEN
END

Don't cross me!



Face to Face (page 68) It may have taken a herculean effort to figure out that the Kevin in the picture is **Kevin Sorbo**.

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